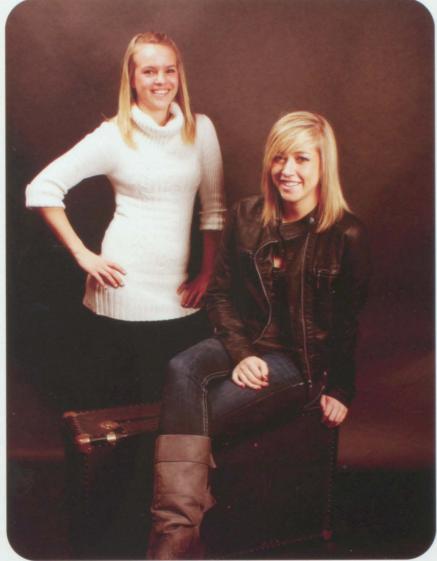


Editors
Ashley and Kelly





Yearbook is a fun and exciting class. It can also be very stressful at times.

The most stressful part about being an editor is keeping everything organized

and being calm when something goes wrong.

I like being editor because i know it will prepare me for the future and it will get me ready for life outside of high school.



Yearbook has been a ton of fun this year. I feel like everyone has worked super hard and the book turned out great.

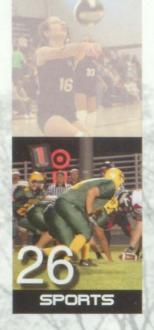
It was really stressful at times, especially being editor

but it was worth it in the end.

It was nice being co-editor with Kelly. She is the best. I hope everyone enjoys the book because our staff busted their butts.













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Amp At Up!









Oo accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

-Anatole France

Homecoming

"What Happens at Hoover... ...Stays at Hoover"

"Waking up in Vegas", "Viva Las Vegas", and "What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas," are associated with the city of Las Vegas, NV. However, it may be possible that people are taking them a little too literally anymore and people have become accustomed to them referring not only to Vegas but other things as well.

Computer teacher Judith Renoux said that the slogan "What Happens at Hoover Stays at Hoover" was a perfect idea for the Las Vegas-themed Homecoming.

"It's a saying that we all say: although it originated from Las Vegas, it is more of just a phrase anymore," Renoux said.

A main concern of many was what the parents would think. People thought that the slogan could upset some parents and could cause controversy, while other thought the complete opposite.

"I don't see any reason that parents would get upset; if you read too much into it I guess, but what about 'Toga Day'? That, too, could be a bit contentious if you think about it," Renoux said.

Another potential issue was the attire that would be worn. With a Las Vegas theme, people thought that the dresses could be a bit controversial.

"I think we're all in high school so we should know what is and isn't appropriate," freshman Asia Jung said.

"A majority of students will dress appropriately, some students don't always make the best choices in attire wherever they go, so why should a dance be any different," Renoux said.

Sophomore Connor Cunningham is on Student Council and helps set up Homecoming, and he doesn't believe that anything about the theme is contentious.

"The decorations and how people dress aren't very inappropriate because I think a lot of people care what others think of them and they don't want to come off badly," Cunningham said.

Even though some think it may be contentious, people believe that it will be a very fun Homecoming and that the theme is a good one.

"I think the theme is cool; when I think of Vegas, I think of glittery.

"I think homecoming will be fun," Jung said.









Billy and the Boys, (left) are singing Barbie Girl by Aqua. They also sang Fun Song, Milkshake and Whatever You Like



Senior James
Kent, junior Ian
Pierson and
seniors Sydney
Johnson and Sam
Burt (left) arev
having fun at the
dance. They
rocked out on the
dance floor all
night.



Seniors Alyssa
Gourd, Sarah
Bradley, Kira Herron
and Edward
Rodriguez (above)
dance to *Milkshake*by **Kelis** as friends
sing it at karaoke.
They performed this
for a drama class.
A group of girls (left)
singing *Wannabe* by **Spice Girls**. Karaoke
was a big hit for the
dance.

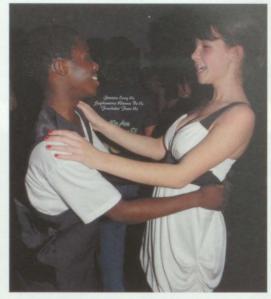


Cousins Jay
Jacobson (left) and
Kylie Van Houten
sing Paradise by
The Dashboard
Light by MeatLoaf.
Van Houten was
the Homecoming
queen.

Black

Senior Kayleigh Wren shares a dance with junior Lester Mwirichia (right). The theme this year was Black and White Affair. Senior Mariah Goodson and junior Anna Strait (below) take a moment to pose for a picture at the dance.





BRING ON THE SNOW! Extra Wintery Formal This Year

You would think high school students would be excited for more snow days, but this was not the case for Student Council (StuCo) members this year. With at minimum four snow days during the planning of Winter Formal, getting ready and selling tickets proved to be pretty tough.

With finals being moved to the week before, then add a couple snow days on top of that, StuCo had to come up with some new ideas to try and keep attendance up.

"We weren't able to sell tickets the whole week, only Tuesday, Friday and at the dance," sophomore Connor Cunnigham said.

Cunningham said that he and fellow StuCo member, senior Tyler Peeler, sold tickets during the Southeast Polk basketball game that Tuesday. Tickets were sold during school Friday, and for the first time they were also made available to purchase at the dance.

Senior StuCo member Josh Reeves likes the idea of selling tickets at the door, "because people won't have to rush and worry about it during the day at school."

Around 250 tickets were sold this year, the second lowest year ever, 40 of these tickets being sold at the doors. StuCo adviser Kirk Stevens said that at least 50 tickets were lost, so around \$500-700.

Stevens said selling tickets at the door was convenient for everybody but he doubts that this method will be used again, because it runs the risk of suspended students showing up to school functions they aren't



Senior Warnell Lyons dances during winter formal.

allowed to.

On the other hand, students seemed very pleased with this dance.

"We hired a better dj, we put the dance floor in a smaller area so it felt like more people were there, and we had karaoke this year and it gave people the chance to roam and not get bored," Stevens said.

Besides the fact of crossing their fingers for no snow days next year, some other ideas are in the works to improve winter formal.

"To get more ticket sales we should sell and advertise tickets earlier so people have more time to get money. We're also going to try a new venue," Cunningham said.

Stevens also said that StuCo is looking at different facilities with more atmosphere and easier parking.

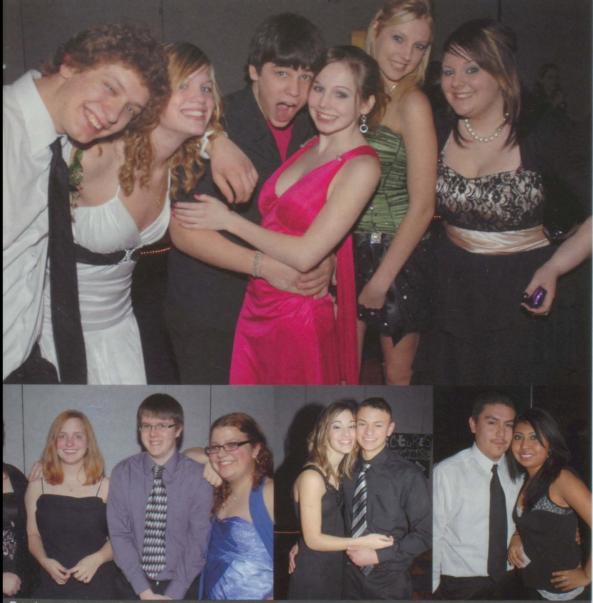
The snow days were a minor setback. StuCo was still able to put on the dance and get positive feedback from the students who attended it.

Winter Formal Kylie Van Houten



Seniors Michael Neal, Keith Onley, Jake Sullivan, and Harris Kovacevic (left) take a moment to rest. Junior Daeneen Green and her dad, Donavon (below) pose for a picture.





Junior Da Green's d Donavan also know DJ Ism wa

winter formal.

Danny Miller, Juniors Heather Vogel, Josh Harris, Rachel Hewitt, and Jerrica Sheridan and West Central Valley student Ashley James (left) hang out during the dance.

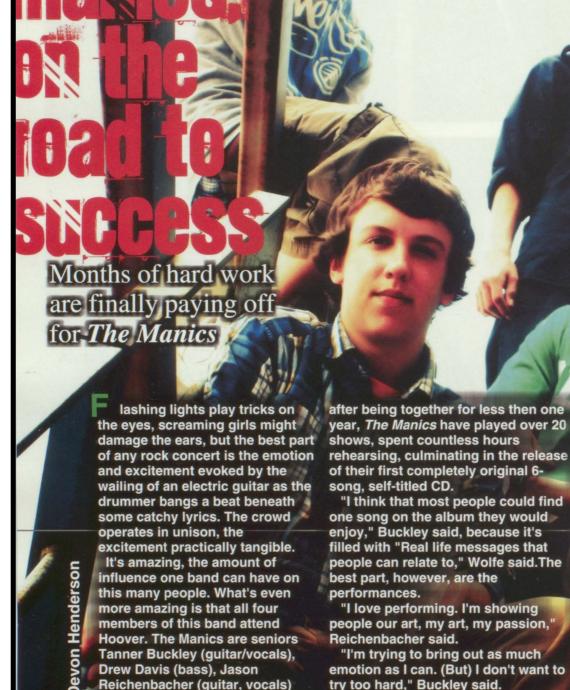


Freshman Markell Coleman gets dressed up for the dance.

Winter Formal_Kylie Van Houten 9

Seniors Alyssa Gourd, Katie Hawks and Brenna Carlson and Grandview student Ryan Thompson (above) hang out at the dance together. Freshman Taylor Blackford and junior Jordan Hoskins (left) and seniors Juan Reyes and Lucy Gutierrez (right) pose for a picture.

Winter Forma



Even though there will always be

"I don't know what I think (when

performing). I'm in my own world,

dedicated fan and a performer

that I'm only in when I'm on stage."

Wolfe said. Senior Allison O'Braza, a

pressure, the guys don't seem to

notice.

herself, said "they are good at what they do, and they have a passion fo it." She said their music inspires he to "persue (her) dreams" (of performing), and other fans feel the same.

"Our fans rock," said Wolfe. Davis said, "They are ridiculous! (But) it's easier to play when the audience is into it." (Buckley went as far as to say that being on stage was his favorite part). Performances, however, are only the final representation of countless hours hard work.

The studio is where they make it happen. In the studio, the pressure of performing is off; however, there is a new type of pressure: the pressure to produce and perfect a unique sound that is both appealing to an audience and which represents the original purpose of the song.

and Parker Wolfe (drums). The

Reichenbacher joined the former

band Reckless Generation. From

the band had talent, but what

the beginning, it was obvious that

makes them unique is what they

are pursuing. Since September,

Manics formed when



"We thought the songs would sound the same," Buckley said, "but it turns out completely different. They sound so good- stuff you can't do on stage."

"It's a good feeling, having your music sound that good,"
Reichenbacher said.

But the process wasn't all ice cream and cake. Besides the amount of time and effort recording takes, there were other setbacks as well.

"Scheduling is a huge setback,"
Reichenbacher said. The band had to schedule around play rehearsals, vacations, and illness. Still, the band finished the album.

"We put so much work into it," Wolfe said. Beginning with laying down drum tracks, they then add bass, guitar, and finally vocals.

The hardest part of writing a song, Davis said, is "trying to create something interesting." Buckley added, "You want it to be catchy. Writing lyrics is hard; melodies are easy, but you have to have the lyrics." And finding inspiration isn't always easy, although things like relationships and life experiences are common references.

"All the songs they write about girls are really about Parker," O'Braza said. She was featured on the song *High Skies*. After her experience with the band in the studio, she said "When it comes to what they need to get done, they are hardworking. Otherwise, it's pretty relaxed. They all have the same jokes!"

The studio is where all their hard work is transformed into something

practically unbelievable.

"You're limited in practices and performances. But in the studio, we can do whatever we want, and record things how we have always wanted them to sound," Buckley said.

The studio process has helped build their confidence as well as establish them as a "hot" up-and-coming local band. According to Buckley, the future of the band is "a bright one- I want it to go as far as it can go." Wolfe, Reichenbacher and Davis all had similar answers.

"I'll always be in a band," Buckley said. "I mean, I can't say that, because you can't predict the future. Like I couldn't even imagine three years ago that I would be here with this band, recording with *Mindrite*. Maybe in five years I'll look back and be like... wow."

Wolfe agreed. "It basically is my life. I put the band in front of all other things," he said.

"If you want to do something you know you're bound to do, you have to commit to it. You have to sacrifice other things for it, and you have to have the passion for it. It doesn't take extra skill- you'll build the skill. You just gotta keep going," Buckley said.

"Practice, hard work, and determination are key," Davis said. "Those quotes just seem like words until you actually try it. Don't let anyone discourage you, and just do what makes you happy. It's worth it."

"Make sure you are in love with what you do," Reichenbacher said. "Everything else will follow."

What's Happening

-Number of Americans who recieved food stamps in June- a

MILLION record high and a 22%

increase from the previous summer.

"Its a bad time for us to be living through. The market is just crashing- it's my future, I want it to be good."

- junior Aaron Homard

65,392,000

-The number of women holding jobs in America. That's 49.8% of the total workforce. In 2010, economists believe that women could make up more then half of the workforce, for the first time in history.

"We're making progress. With Obama and all the new policies he's making, it's only a matter of time before things get better."

- juniorLeah Cramblit

\$17 BILLION

- The amount of money Generel Electirc earned in revenue last year after switching to ecofriendly energy production- (up 21% from 2007).

Mini Mag_Devon Henderson 11



THE DIFFERENCE

Students Get Creative

Students from every grade yell their loudest in hopes to win the spirit stick over the other classes. There are many aspects of pep assemblies students enjoy, although the Spirit Stick is a favorite among many, there are also games and activities that are recognized during the assemblies.

"They're to get everyone ready for a game and to see what class has the most spirit" junior Austin Damm said regarding the assemblies.

"They're fun and they get me pumped for the game" he said.

"They are fun and Iget to show who I really am." sophomore Jasmine Russell said.

Games are played at each assembly; students from each class compete against each other in hopes to gain bragging rights.

"My least favorite part of the assemblies is when everyone else wins and not us" Russell said.

During the assemblies the cheerleaders perform and try to get the school pumped up especially for the traditional spirit stick competition.

"It's pretty great when you win because you get a lot of respect!" Russell said. Damm's class has not yet won a spirit stick competition.

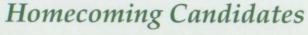
Not everyone thinks the judges they have are fair.

"They need better judges," Russell said.

On the other side of the story some students don't like pep assemblies and would rather not show their school spirit.

Senior Charles McInroy does not attend pep assemblies regularly and agreed the spirit stick judges weren't fair, "They always favor the seniors."

It isn't about whose class wins; a pep assembly is about building school spirit and getting students involved.





Kylie VanHouten



Katie King



Elizabeth Etter



Danielle Cheatem



SPIRIT DAY

HOPPY DAY

NEON

Allison O' Braza





Juniors show their spirit; Austin Damm leads the junior class, in hopes to win the Spirit Stick. They show a different technique by using "The Roller-Coaster Ride."



Stephen Boatwright



Cody Sargent



Nick Ahrens



Tanner Buckley



Nate Clark

12 Angry Jurors

Come see

Cast of 14 puts on a fantastic performance.

School plays are often filled with excitement and chaos as the many cast members hustle around trying to get things done. For 12 Angry Jurors, it was a little different. There were only about 14 people on stage, mainly just the 12 jurors. and 15-20 people working backstage on lights, sound, scenic design, make up, costumes, hair and building the set. Meredith Phipps is the "props mistress."

"If nobody worked off stage, we would act on a dark black stage with no set and no costumes. They are the ink to the words in the book," junior Aaron Homard said.

"In this play, there's not a lot of action. The dialogue is wellwritten and the cast does a great job of executing their parts and making the lines more exciting," senior Cassie Tant said.

The play doesn't have intermission so there's no break reaction from the audience. for the cast to get it together and relax.

The cast members work about 19 hours per week, plus hell week where they have to stay until nine every night.

"Everyone gets really close and we become like a family," senior Anna Swan said.

All 12 jurors get about the same amount of lines and they're all on stage the whole time. They all enjoy playing their characters.

"I love playing my character. I think it's really fun to be a jerk and be praised for it," Tant said.

Like every other play, the audience is a huge part of how the play turns out. The cast members feed off the audiences' reactions and try to make the show better.

"My favorite part is making the audience believe me," sophomore Jay Jacobson said. "I love entertaining people and making them happy," he said.

"I like performing for an audience so I can see their reactions and get an adrenaline rush." Swan said. Senior John Preston also loves the

"I like being able to assume another identity." Preston said.

But with all the good times, come the bad.

"No matter how good you do, you'l always find the points that could have been better," Preston said"If someone messes up their lines, it's really hard to get back on track," Swan said.

Usually if the cast members mess up they improvise and make it unnoticeable. For Jacobson, there is no worse part in drama.

"Except for memorizing lines, but that's not too bad," he said.

Before they perform though, there are always the pre-performance routines. They do voice warm ups, dances, and they try to get into their character's mindset.

"I put on make up, dance, sing, put on my costume, dance, sing, perfect my make up, dance, sing, perfect my costume, dance, sing, put on my shoes, walk approximately 100 steps in my character with his posture, drink some tea or water, take deep breaths, warm up voice, walk backstage, SHOWTIME," Homard said.



Juror #1 Jacob Wolfe



Juror #2 Drew Davis



Juror #3 Aaron Homard



Juror #4 Nick Clark



Juror #5 Sarah Bradley



Juror #6 Kyle Utke



Juror #7 John Preston



Juror #8 Edward Rodriguez Alyssa Gourd



Juror #9



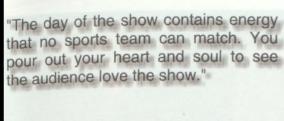
Juror #10 Cassie Tant



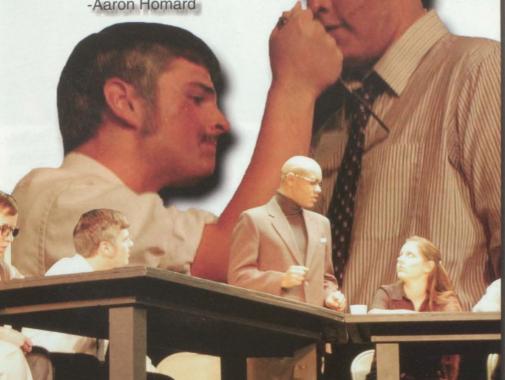
Juror #11 Anna Swan



Juror #12 Jay Jacobsor



-Aaron Homard



Junior Aaron Homard (above) pretends to stab senior Edward Rodriguez. Homard and Rodriguez's characters don't meet eye to eye in the play. Sohomore Nick Clark stands

to speak to the other jurors.











(Clockwise, from left) Jurors raise their hands to vote not guilty. Senior Kyle Utke puts junior Aaron Homard in a sleeper hold while freshman Jacob Wolfe trys to calm them both down. The cast bows to the audience. Senior Drew Davis stands up to talk to the jurors.

Senior Anna Swan talks to sophomore Jay Jacobson about his ad company. Sophomore Nick Clark, seniors Anna Swan and Sarah Bradley, and junior Aaron Homard do their makeup before their dress rehearsal. Junior Michael Roby hands Wolfe the blueprints to the apartment. Swan yells at senior John Preston about his sudden decision to vote not guilty. Senior Sarah Bradley explain how to use a swithblade to senior Edward Rodriguez.

What is your character like?



"An immigrant from Germany. She's very set on justice.

-Anna Swan



"Cocky, arrogant, racist, flashy, rude, and a show-off."

-John Preston



"He's a businessman. Nice, not strongly opinionated.

-Jay Jacobson



"She's a racist bigot. A jerk that always has something to say.

-Cassie Tant



"Calm, but passionate about the law. He wants to seek justice.

-Edward Rodriguez













Senior Allison O'Braza, sophomore Katie Steingrabe, junior Katy Stites and freshman Tayler Ross perform during *Get Smart*. They were "The Blondes" in the production and were taken hostage; their job was to keep the audience laughing.



Kayleigh Wren

BEHIND THE SCENE

What its like to be a first time stage manager

Imagine having to run a whole production backstage! For the production of *Get Smart*, senior Kayleigh Wren got a taste of just how much work it really takes to manage a production. Although Wren has been involved with many plays and musicals, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Peter Pan*, *The Wiz*, *12 Angry Jurors*, *By the Skin of Our Teeth* and *A Christmas Twist*. Get Smart was the first show that she has been the stage manager.

"I like being involved with the shows because I like the people I get to hangout with and getting to explore creativity," Wren said.

But you need more than just fun and games to put on a successful show!

"It takes a lot of time; you have to make sure everything is perfect and sometimes tempers flare," Wren said. Stage managers have a lot of responsibilities and have to be at almost every rehearsal and all tech days.

"For rehearsals I take attendance, write blocking, take care of notes and line notes, and organize tech," Wren said. Rehearsals are normally three hours long and can sometimes get overwhelming. "I get a little stressed when the shows about to go on," Wren said. With so much going on it can get hard to manage time.

"I only have five class periods and I get help during my release periods if I need it, and still manage to find time to hang out with my friends on the weekends!" Wren said.

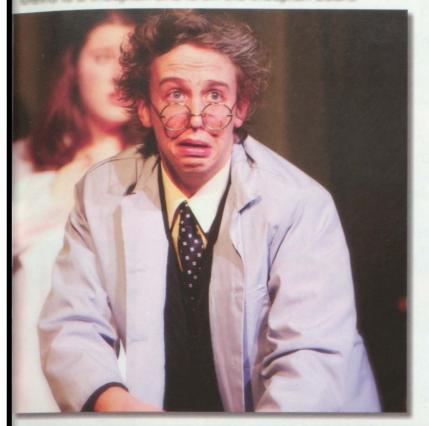
Stage managers work very closely with the director; it is their job to make sure the show is perfect and ready for opening night.

"She is easy to work with. I feel comfortable asking her questions and she helped me a lot," Wren said, talking about working with director Chelsea Cunningham.

Wren is considering pursuing drama in her future.

"When I was younger I wanted to be on Broadway until I realized I don't like acting and now that I like stage managing who knows where I'll go with it!" she said.

Without a doubt it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put one a production not only from the cast and crew but from everyone involved; even the smallest jobs are important! Senior Andrew Davis as Professor Dante in *Get Smart*. Davis is a thespian and is on the thespian board





Poices From the Cast!

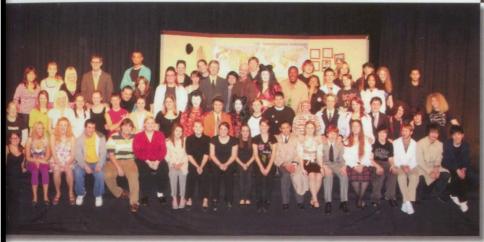
"Get Smart was a great experience. I met a lot of new people and had loads of fun!"

sophomore Katie Steingrabe

Get Smart was really cheesy but funny! I had a lot of fun!

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senior Allison O'Braza



The cast and crew of *Get Smart*. As you can see it takes a lot of people to get ready for a production. Everyone helped in theirown way to put on a the show!

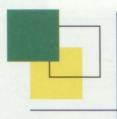


Sophomore Gabrielle Engelken, and senior Kassie Brown, and Alyssa Gourd. During *Get Smart*, they played as the Wong sisters Mary, Shirley and Betsy.





Senior Johnathan Preston as Agent Maxwell Smart talks on his show phone. Johnathan is a thespian and is on the thespian board.



Of Horrors

The main attraction of Little Shop of Horrors was Audrey II, a man-eating plant that grows as it eats. The plant has four stages in the play, each of them bigger than the last.

Four people played the plant as it grew in stages; sophomore Nick Clark played the first plant as well as the voice of the plant, sophomore Jay Jacobson played the second plant, junior Devon Murray played the third plant, and senior Thomas Henry played the fourth.

"I liked the play, it was awesome, and I liked playing the plant," Murray said.

Two of the plants were operated from the inside because of their large size.

"I had to lift up the top part, sit down, put on leg straps to move the tentacles, and then move my arms like a mouth at the times that he would speak," Murray said.

The plant was so unique

that it had to be flown in from a theatershop in New York.

"We got the plant from a props place in New York," Clark said.

Playing the voice of the plant was a little nerve wracking for Clark.

"I was nervous because it was my first time with a lead singing role," Clark said.

However, one of the hardest roles to play was the final plant as it weighed 250 lbs. and the operator had to keep in sync with the voice of the plant.

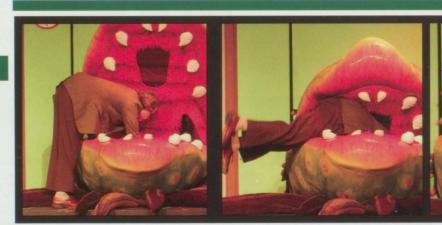
"It was difficult to use, it weighed 250 lbs., it was hot and it was poorly made," Henry said.

Although the plant was sometimes annoying to the cast and crew who played them, they still enjoyed having the plant there.

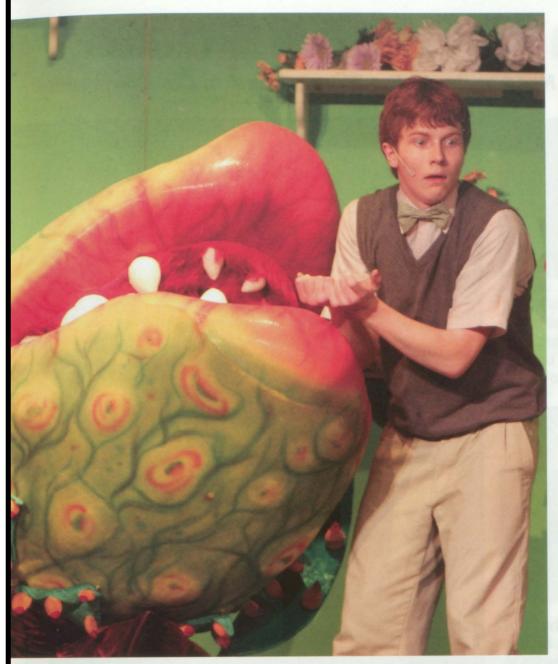
"It looks funny and scary, and it was fun to be a part of," Henry said. Seymour and Audrey (below) played by sophomore Jay Jacobson and senior Allison O'Braza, share a passionate kiss



Audreyl
(below) eats Mr
Mushnik player
by sophomore
Logun Buckley



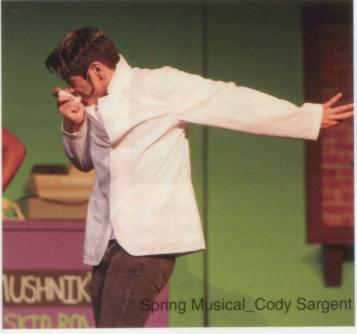
Spring Musical_Cody Sargent





Sophomore Jay Jacobson (left) is feeding the plant, Audrey II. Patricia Martin (above) played by sophomore Aleksandra Vujicic buys Audrey II and Audrey II destroys the planet. Oran, played by sophomore Sean Carnahan (below) sings *Dentist* as he takes a hit of his inhaler. The do-wop girls (below left) played by juniors Daeneen Green and Devon Henderson prepare to sing.





NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

We Do What We Need to Do, to Get Things Done in Our Community



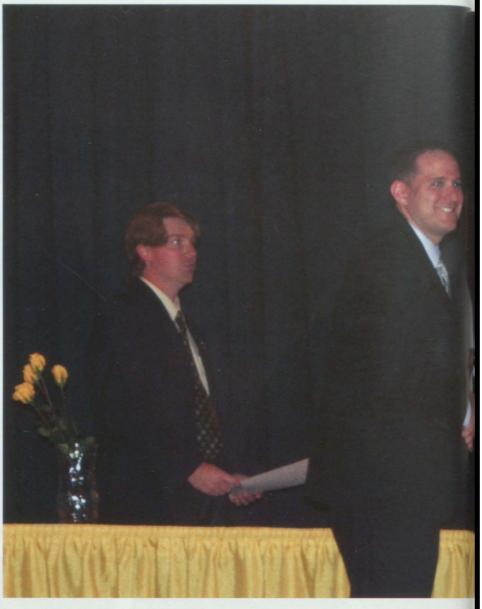
Senior Amy Uhl takes a test in Laura Brincks' calculus class. Just before she started, she needed to study. Uhl has been in NHS for two years.



Senior John Preston is the NHS President. He works hard in school and gets good grades to maintain his position.



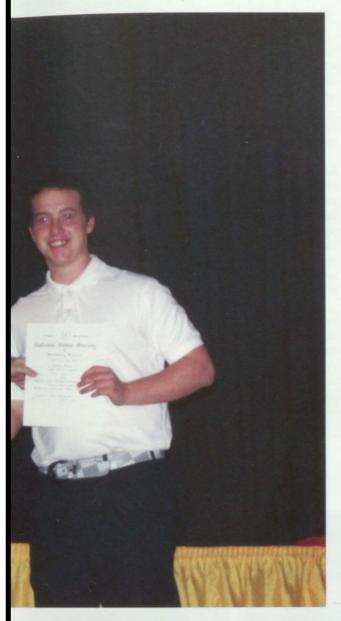
Senior Kassie Brown works in Edward Diaz's second block economics class on the computer, typing a paper. She has been working on this paper for almost two days.



Junior Dakota Bakkie receives an induction award for NHS. He shakes Principal Wheeler's hand and smiles for the camera. Bakkie was inducted this year.



Sophomore Aliyah Hoskins (left) receives an induction award to join NHS. Sophomore Amber Gaumer (right) smiles for the camara and receives her NHS award.





Reggie's Sleepout is an annual event, and over 1000 individuals contributed to the cause by sleeping out or fundraising. When it was all said and done, the sleep out earned an impressive \$156,000, including a generous \$50,000 donation.

Senior Alyssa Gourd has volunteered in the past. She has enjoyed Reggie's Sleepout, the first of which was held in 2006.

Gourd was introduced to this from National Honor Society (NHS).

"National Honor Society helps me keep my grades up; it gives me that extra push," Gourd said.

Gourd keeps an outstanding 3.8 GPA in order to participate in NHS. Members have to have a steady 3.5 or

When senior Kassie Brown was accepted, she felt sort of different; she was proud of herself.

Brown is too busy, so she does not have much time to study. If Brown is not involved drama, then she is with her family.

"You might, just might see me doing homework," Brown said. "NHS is always fun. Everyone who joins is ambitious."

Brown remembers last year's Reggie's Sleep Out.

"One of our activities we had to do was make something out of boxes," Brown said. "One of the teams got so creative, that they built the Statue of Liberty, out of boxes!" Brown said, amazed.

"I still hang out with friends on the weekends," she

Brown thinksNHS is worth her time and effort and senior Amy Uhl does also.

"It's fun and it gives you opportunities to volunteer and help the community," Uhl said.

"Everyone bonds at Reggie's Sleepout," Uhl said. Uhl loved Reggie's Sleepout. Gourd, Brown, and Uhl couldn't wait until this years Reggie's Sleepout.

Because of NHS, Uhl tries harder in school. She wants to keep her grades up and to set a good example.

"I get letters from colleges in Iowa and surrounding states. I want to go to Drake for four years or DMACC for two, then Drake for the other two," Uhl said.

Uhl's other activities are Best Buddies, Senior Board, and the manager for basketball. Uhl has done Meals from the Heartland in the past.

"NHS meetings are in the morning at 7:15. I try to make it, and participate in volunteer activities. I think that I could do more as an adult, and be stronger part in the community." Uhl said.

STUDENT COUNCIL

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN OFFICER?

Student Council's (StuCo) drive and attitude has been improving every year. They have learned to learn from their mistakes and push past them.

New students are getting involved every year and helping out. They meet every other day in advisor Kirk Stevens' classroom to discuss school dances, ways to make the school look better, assemblies and volunteering.

The officers play a large role in StuCo; they are the goto people when a class representative needs help, ideas or advice.

StuCo President senior, Cody Sargent became involved in student council when Stevens asked him if he was interested in joining.

In order to become a class representative Sargent had to run and get signatures from his peers. The next year he decided to run for President which took a little more work. He had to fill out some paperwork, run

again and get more signatures and votes from his peers.

He got his votes by making posters, asking people to vote for him, and having others spread the word.

He is "the voice" for the student body; what they want gets turned to him and he gets the responsibility of making it happen.

He also has to keep everything in order and act as another overseer. Stevens and Principal Doug Wheeler are the main adults who oversee Sargent; however, has a say over all of the representatives and the student body.

Senior Katie King is Vice President. She got involved with StuCo at the end of her sophomore year by applying, getting signatures from her peers and filling out some questions.

King's second year in StuCo she applied for Vice President and got it. Her roles are to support the President, help keep things in order, look things over and make sure all plans are going smoothly. King has authority over all of the student body besides Sargent.

"Whoa...I'm in charge!" King said after finding out she was the new VP.

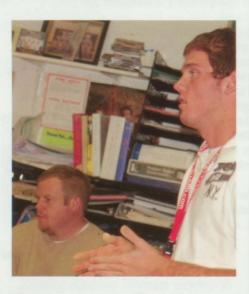
The third officer is junior Kiana Roppe, secretary. She became involved when she gave it a try and felt that being the leader that she is that's where she needed to be. Roppe likes StuCo so much because she gets a say in school activities and helps make the school a better place.

Her responsibilities are to keep StuCo organized and organize dance decorations and the blood drive.

So it takes paperwork, the support of peers, leadership, and a 3.5 GPA to become a StuCo leader.

Do you have what it takes?





President senior Cody Sargent speaks to his leadership class about what is going on for the Ironman assembly on November 6th.



Vice-President senior Katie King talks to a Hillis Elementary student about the Hillis library and her reading.



Secretary junior Kiana Roppe laughs with friends in leadership class.

Junior Ja'sean Coleman serves to the freshman team during the Ironman assembly on November 6th.

Sophomore Zejna Mehmedovic helps out a student with his spelling at Hillis Elementary.



Senior Marisol Meza helps keep Hillis students quiet in the library during book check-out.

Students Request for Change

Michelle Tran



"People should acknowledge each other during leadership and take others opinions into consideration."

Junior Heather Valderama



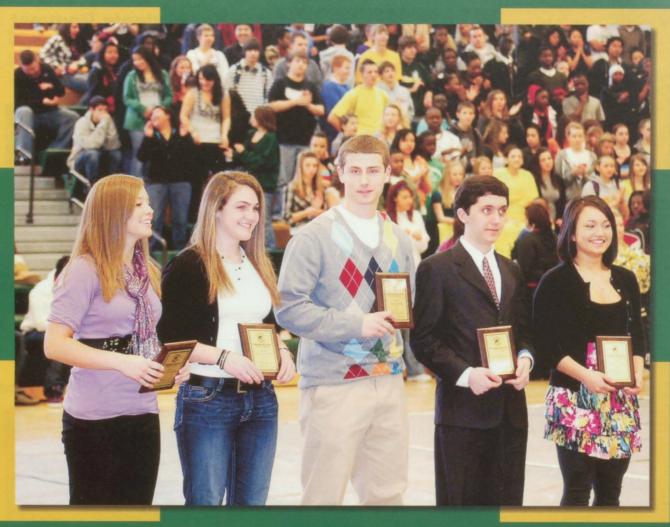
"More support and recognition from our peers for the things StuCo does for everyone else throughout the school."

Senior Josh Reeves



"Better attitudes from everyone and more control from the advisor."







The senior nominees wait through the assembly to find out who the student of all seasons awards will go to. Although only five students are awarded getting nominated is an honor also. The students are getting recognized for their hard work and dedication!

Seniors Kylie Van Houten, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Nate Clark, Matthew Dicks and Katie King (above) stand before the school after receiving the awards for being a Student of All Seasons. Although many seniors are nominated, only five receive the awards.



Senior Matthew Dicks greets his parents before he joins the rest of th nominees. Dicks was "pretty excited when he heard he had received a Student of All Seasons award.

STUDENT OF ALL SEASONS! Students recognized for hard work

The Student of All Seasons award is to recognize students for their hard work dedication and leadership. The students who receive these awards are recognized in front of the entire student body at the Student of All Seasons assembly.

Although all of the nominees showed hard Van Houten, Elizabeth

Rodriguez, Nate Clark, Matthew Dicks and Katie King. Elizabeth Rodriguez

Not only do you have to get good grades and care about your schoolwork you also have to be involved in extra curricular activities. "You have to be a well rounded student, get good grades, be involved, and be a good role model." Rodriguez said.

It is so important for students to care about their grades. Doing well in school helps you build a strong foundation for your future. Also "Good grades are important for more scholarship money for college," Clark said

Sports and other organizations have awards including "most valuable player" and "most improved", so why not have awards for students that work hard in every aspect of their high school careers?

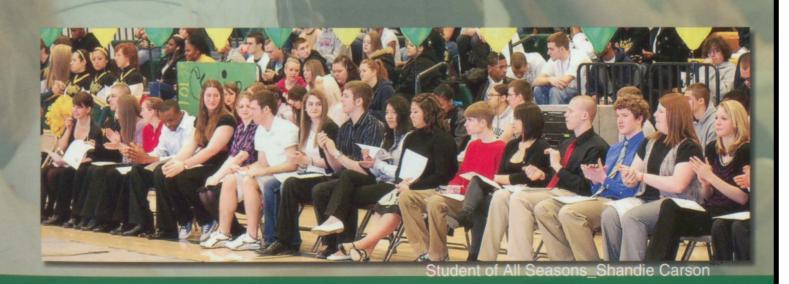
"The Student of All Seasons award is important because it makes the people who work and great dedication, the Student of All were nominated feel like there hardd work seasons awards went to Kylie "I think i'm a good had paid off and makes them feel good to get nominated. rolemodel" Senior "Not only does it look good

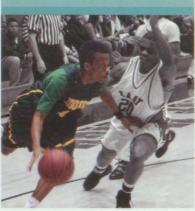
in high school, being able to have the Student of All

Seasons award on your application for colleges is great, it shows the college your hard working and well rounded! It is definitely something they will look at and be impressed with." Rodriguez said.

These students appreciate getting recognized for all their hard work.

"I was proud when I found out. I was excited and it felt good to get the award," Clark said.





Senior Quincy King dribbles the ball as an East player tries to block him from getting through. The basketball team ended the season with a win of 23-3. King is going to attend DMACC in Boone where he will continue to play.

Senior Sam Burt runs the 3000. This was Burt's first year in track as he played soccer the years before. "I don't regret being in track for my last year because I kind of saw how it can make me better at cross country,"

Burt said.



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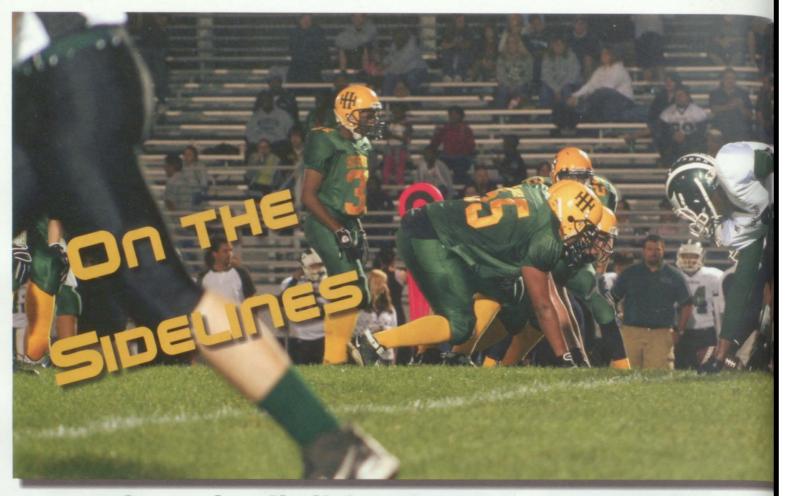
Freshman Natalie
Clark serves the ball
against East. "I
enjoyed the volleyball
season a lot," Clark said.
"Our first game did not go as
well as I thought but we
made a lot of progress from
when we first started." Clark
plans to play volleyball all
four years.

Sophomore Aaron
Anthony slides to get
the ball back from
Lincoln in a tournament
game. "I didn't do so
well this season. I'm
disappointed with the
results but it was fun,"
Anthony said. Anthony
plans on playing soccer
the next two years.



Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

-William Shakespeare



...where ineligible players are waiting for their chance to play

The football team had some problems with ineligible players. The big reason for their ineligibility is bad grades from last year that transferred over to this year.

Senior Adrian Ridding is an ineligible player. Ridding blames himself about not being able to play.

"It's kind of my fault that I'm not out there playing," Ridding said.

Junior Chris Bemisdarfer is also an ineligible player for bad grades. Bemisdarfer was mad about not being able to play.

"I'm kind of mad that I'm not playing," Bemisdarfer said.

The ineligible players are mostly seniors and a few juniors. Senior Derrick Earnest is one of those seniors. Earnest gives some advice to underclassmen.

"Go to every class and make sure your grades are good," Earnest said.

Ridding also gave some advice.

"Do good in school and get all your credits," Ridding said.

Bemisdarfer gave advice about not failing.

"Don't fail and work hard," Bemisdarfer said.

The Code of Conduct is now going to start being a big issue with ineligibility since it goes all year around If a sport player gets in trouble during the off season then it goes to the next sport. Bemisdarfer has his opinion.

"I think it's good and bad at the same time," Bemisdarfer said.

Ridding thinks the Code of Conduct is ok.

"I think its ok. You can't just go acting dumb and expect to play," Ridding said.

From last year to this year their have been some differences with the team.

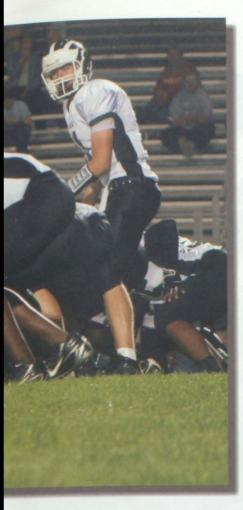
"Last year, everyone was focused. This year they aren't," Ridding said.

Most of the ineligible players would go back and change something so they didn't get a bad grade and would have been able to play.

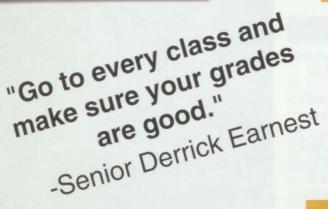
"(I would have) made sure I didn't fail," Bemisdarfer said.

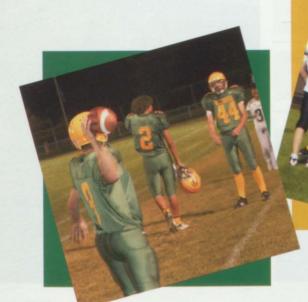
The ineligible players couldn't play in five out of nine games which included homecoming.

"I just want them to go out and win. Go Huskies!" Earnest said.



Varsity football players (left) get ready to play defense against North. The Huskies beat North 33-12. The freshmen team (right) wait for East players to get ready for a play. Junior John Joy (bottom) gets pumped and ready for the upcoming play.





Junior Colby Robbins (top) cools down and watches the game until he goes in again. The varsity players (left) get up after they tackled a North player. Junior Ben Markey (far left) warms up his arm to junior Zach Klever.

Powder Puff Kinsey Van Houten

Each year the junior and senior girls face off in a flag football game. Powder Puff has always been a homecoming tradition that everyone looks forward to. It's a great way to get people fired up before the big game on Friday.

This year's game ended with a score of 7-6, with the juniors getting the win.

The junior and senior classes have always had an intense rivalry, especially at pep assemblies when it comes down to the Spirit Stick. The competitiveness between the two added some intensity to the game.

"We're better, more athletic, and faster," junior Grace Phillips said.

Some juniors thought that if they lost it would be from lack of experience, not lack of ability.

Junior coach Ben Markey thought athletics would determine the game.

"That has everything to do with it," Markey said.

Both classes were very confident before the game, though. Markey was hoping for a win.

"Our defense is monster," Markey said.

Anyone watching the game would have said that as well. It was a total defensive game with neither team scoring at all during the first half.

Phillips was sure the juniors were going to win. She felt that some seniors knew the junior class would win also. A few weeks before the game, some seniors were asking if they could join the junior team.

An eternal rivalry between the classes ..

Senior Derrick Earnest thinks that some of the seniors were mad because the practices were really disorganized. He was hoping for a senior victory, especially since they had experience after losing last years game.

Even though the game is flag football, there was some aggressive play going on by both teams on the field.

"They just get so into the game," Earnest said.

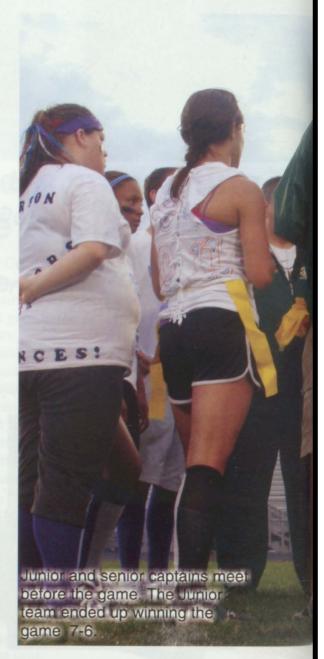
Even though most girls expected the other players to be physical, they still got mad about it.

"I like the juniors, they're just cocky," senior Mariah Goodson said.

Both Earnest and Goodson said the seniors had a lot of secret weapons that they were going to use to assure them the win; unfortunately they were not as successful as they hoped.

The game was determined by one extra point attempt. The seniors kick was a little wide and from that point on, neither team scored.

The game was very intense, there was some good aggressive play and a lot of people had a good time. "It's impossible (to make the game better). It's as best as it is going to be," Markey said.





TO STATE OR TO GRADUATE

Boys' and girls' soccer players have to choose to walk at their graduation or play with their team at state

Our senior Varsity players were given an ultimatum; they had to look at the pros and cons of their graduation compared to going to state their senior year. Our boys' had to think about making it to state, meaning not going to their own graduation. The girls' had the same scenario except it could have been a sub-state game.

Senior Jake Mora has been playing for Hoover for all four years; two years ago he had the opportunity to go to state. The team has been practicing and has started their season. Some think the season isn't going where they want it to.

"The season is not going well because we are not playing as a team and people have bad attitudes after a bad practice, or after we lose a game," Mora said. However, if they do make it to state they will have to make a decision harder than most, graduation or state?

"If I had to make the decision I would choose state. Walking at graduation is important but I'll still graduate if I'm not there," Mora said. Another senior on the boys' Varsity

team is Josh Reeves. He also has been playing for Hoover for the past four years. Reeves however didn't get the opportunity to go to state with the team two years ago in 2008 because he was not on Varsity. That helped Reeves make his decision easier.

"If I were to pick between my graduation and the state game I would choose the state game just because I have been working for this game for all four years and haven't made it yet," said Reeves. Senior Tyler Peeler also will have to make a

hard decision at the end of the season.

"I have played soccer my whole life," Peeler said. "I try to give it my all all the time."

He has been to state once before with Mora in 2008, but of course wants to go again.

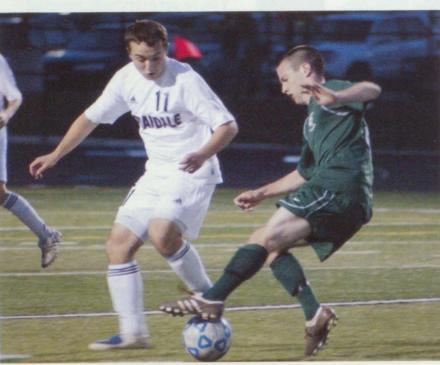
"I would take state over walking at graduation because it would be my last chance to go to state," Peeler said. "I think it was a tough decision for everyone to even imagine, but in the end when you're a part of a team, you have to stick with the team all the way."





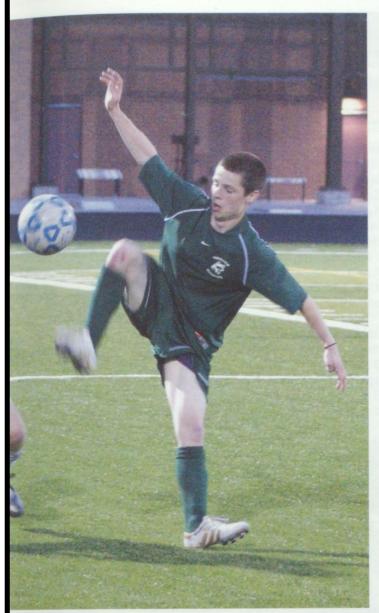


Above left to right: Senior Elizabeth McInroy goes for the ball during the Varsity game against Ames. Senior Elizabeth Rodriguez dribbles down the field against Ames Varsity. Senior Alayna Bailey of the Varsity team prepares to kick the ball in for a goal. Below left to right: Sophomore Carson Lisk steals the ball from Urbandales Varsity team. Sophomore Saleem Mirzai passes the ball during the Varsity Urbandale game at home.





Boys' and Girls' Soccer_Mallory Stites





Senior Jake Mora (left) tries to get the ball on the ground in the Urbandale Varsity game. Sophomore Holden Clark (above) tries to kick a goal. Senior Keri O'Tool (below) steals the ball from an Ames varsity player.





Run Forest, Run!

Every runner has excuses, but a champion never uses them.

Freshmen Markell Coleman and sophomore Omar Lamar thinks track isn't a hobby for them, but for sophomore Agok Philip it's boring.

Philip and Coleman both run track for the fun of it, but Lamar loves the competition. A number of people pushed Lamar to run because they already knew he was fast; this is his second year running.

Philip claimed he inspired Lamar, and Lamar knew he was fast so he joined the team to beat him. "The cops inspired me to run, because they always be chasing me" Philip said.

The boys participate in other sports other than track, like basketball and football. Lamar and Philip don't run for any other team.

Lamar has been running since he was little.

"My big sister Gretchen (Lamar) runs also; matter of fac,t she ran for Hoover for all four years of high school," Lamar said.

Phillip's quickest time on the 400 (meter dash) is 54 seconds, Lamar ran it in 53 seconds.

Usain Bolt is Lamar's favorite track star. Philip, Coleman and Lamar think Kaleb Vancleave is the fastest on the team no doubt.

Philip runs the 4X8, open 4 and he and Lamar run the 4X 4. Lamar also runs 100 and 400.

"When I race my friends I usually win; once in a blue moon I'll lose," Philip said.

Both lamar and Phillip agreed that, "Urbandale and S.E. Polk are the biggest competition as a whole"

Lamar lost a race to Philip, they was running the 400.

"Run for your life," Phillip sai Lamar thinks that the students support the boys more than the girls. Philip and Lamar don't think they will gel scholarships for this.

The boys just chill and kick on the weekends with friends "Plus, I don't like school,"

Philip and Lamar said.

But some people do though "I like school, because it gives me something to do during the day," Coleman said chuckling under his breath afterwards.



RACE FOR FIRST PLACE

Athletes talk about what motivates them to do their best!



Senior Tajya Cason races against a runner from South East Polk High School in the baton race.

"We have our ups and downs. There's no 'I' in team. You have to work together to get the job done," senior Alexis Edwards said.

Edwards has been doing track for six years on and off, and said it's a good way to stay in shape and keep fit in life.

"I like the feeling of knowing it paid off, and finishing first," sophomore Alma Zilic said.

This is Zilic's second year doing track at Hoover, and third yearhe's been doing it total.

During their everyday 3-5 p.m. practices, they do many workouts, including jogging, stretching, ladders and 200s.

One thing that is hard about track, is the constant running, and how much hard work you have to put yourself through, to do your best at it, as Zilic thinks.

Zilic joined track because she loves to compete, and loves to run. But also thinks that it's hard staying in condition and to stay fit.

"After practice, I usually go home rest, or sleep and eat. Sometimes we go out to dinner or something," Zilic said.

While Edwards has done boxing before, and used to play basketball. Zilic says that she runs only track because that's enough sports for her.

"Go with your first instinct. If you feel like you wake up in the morning wanting to be a track star, go out and be a track star. Singing is a big passion of mine and nothing will stop be from reaching my goal," Edwards said.

"Stay positive.

Even though you may not always win, strive for excellence, and push yourself to work."

-Alexis Edwards







The track athletes (above left) take a break and rest at the Urbandale meet. Seniors Alexis Edwards and Lacrechia Floyd (middle) practice the exchange of the batons for their race. Freshman Kayli Flynn (above right) makes her way to the finish line at the Urbandale meet.

Girls Track Sedina Imsirovic 35



Coach Scott Schoneberg talks to sophomore Amber Gaumer, junior Taylor Atchison and seniors Katie Hawks and Ellie Johnson. Schoneber gets the JV runners pumped up for the meet. He also explains the dificulty of the race and gives runners some tips on how to tackle the course.



Sophomore Zach Doyle races to the finish line. This is Doyle's first year of running. He loves the feeling of crossing the finish line.



Sophomore Jordan Provost looks forward as he races to the finish line. Provost's hard work pays off at the meets. He said he had a great season and plans on running next year.

RUNNING THE EHTRA MILE

Boys and girls cross country team put everything they've worked for into the final finish

Freshman Kellen Zanders and sophomore Breanna Rodriguez have three things in common: both of them like to run, both run cross country and both Zanders and Rodriguez have been running for two years. Zanders is a part of the JV team, and started running in middle school.

"My mom was going to make me run for high school anyways so i started early in 8th grade," Zanders said.

Zanders is enjoying this year more than

"I'm getting older and more used to cross country," Zanders said.

Rodriguez is part of the varsity team, and started running cross country her freshman year because she was influenced from her friend.

"(Senior) Kelly (Reierson) asked me and influenced me to start," Rodriguez said.

"The best part is just being with your friends and that I get to think about a lot of things when I run," Rodriguez said.

Zanders favorite meet is Sleepy Hollow. "It's flat," Zanders said.

Rodriguez liked the Pella College course.

"It was new and we had not run it before," Rodriguez said.

Zanders prepares himself for the meets by telling himself how he is going to run the race. Both Zanders and Rodriguez also prepare for the meets by working hard in practices.

"Some practices are extremely hard, and then there are other ones that are extremely easy," Zanders said.

In summer to prepare for cross country season Zanders also runs track for the Amateur Athletic Union.

"You have to give it your all, and try and do your best all the time," Zanders said.

Rodriguez prepares herself in the summer by running a lot of road runs. Before meets, the cross country team will all stretch and listen to the insturctions given by coach Scott Schoneberg.

"He is a really fun coach and he will encourage you every step of the way," Zanders said.

Rodriguez agrees that Schoneberg is a good coach.

"I think that he is a good coach and I don't think that you could ask for a better coach," Rodriguez said.



Senior Katie Hawks likes to run. She has been running for two years. She is pushing herself to the end.

Photos courtesy by Beth Atchinson Cross Country_Allie Lawrence

Bump, Set, Volleyball!

Attitudes strike at its worst

Bump, set and spike are the three most important tools to remember on the volleyball court. Although this is basic of the volleyball players, there may be other things that affect the team's performance. There is no "I" in team but there is "I" in attitude.

"We tend to get bad attitudes and when we do that we tend to do worse. We also need to talk more as a team, not just as individuals," senior Marisol Meza said.

Towards the beginning of their season the varsity volleyball team did not work as one. When attitudes struck one person, it struck all of them, bringing them down and thinking that they had no chance in coming back into the game.

The Urbandale varsity volleyball team started out well keeping up with them, then all of a sudden Urbandale started getting point after point after point. It started to get to some of the players and they just decided that, "Oh well. That's it. It's over."

As to some of the other players, they tried to get the team pumped up and not give up, but the team was too down on themselves that they didn't seem to care anymore and varsity lost to 8-25, 7-25, and 10-25.

"There are strong personalities on the team, but as the season progresses we've learned how to work together and become a team," coach Jon Rubino said.

Another problem that has happened on the team is that there have been injuries that have caused some issues with the team's progress.

"The injuries have affected us. Also that we had to change the line ups and it's taking longer to reach our stride as a team," Rubino said.

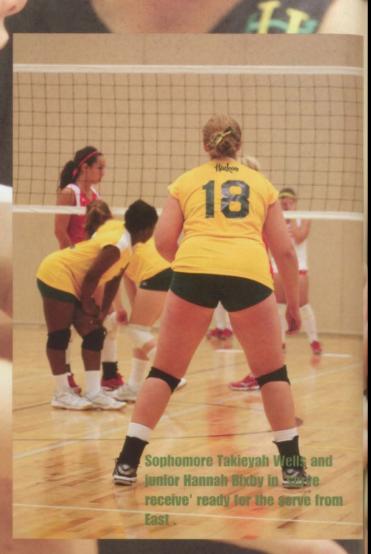
One player that this has affected is sophomore Jorin Augustine. Augustine has been playing volleyball since sixth grade. Due to an injury during soccer season, freshmen year has lead her to an injury that cannot be recovered as well as any other regular injury.

The first volleyball game of the season against Johnston Augustine re-dislocated her shoulder while diving for a ball.

Augustine is disappointed in herself more than anything when this happened because she felt that she was letting her team down.

Her injury has limited her to small amounts of ball passing, serving, setting and hitting, as well as diving. Augustine has been improving during the season, taking physical therapy gaining her strength back; little by little she is coming back in the season. She is hoping that this injury will not happen again and if it does,

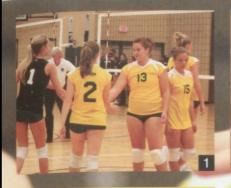
"I'd be really frustrated, because i would have to seriously consider surgery and that means i'd be out for all my sports for about six months," Augustine said.



As for the JV and freshman volleyball team, they are on there way from beginning and hopefully to the end they are giving all they got. Sept. 15 game against Ames JV kept up with the first game going to Ames, and the second to Hoover. Ames took the last game; it was 1-2 giving Ames the victory of the match but the JV girls still had there heads up. Winning their first game against Ames was exciting.

"The JV and freshmen have a strong number of girls this year than we have had at Hoover for a long time, and that we have a young but strong team to work with," Rubino said.

"But things that the JV and freshmen need improving on is fundamentals, serve receive, and cour awareness" Rubino said.
"Crush the bug!" Rubino said.





1. Senior Keri O'Tool, sophomore Megan Bartholomew, senior Victoria Jones, and senior Kylie Van Houten meet up in the center of the court for a celebration on a point. 2. Senior Alexandria Reif and sophomore Megan Bartholomew go up on a black against east. 3. Senior Marisol Meza concentrates on where to place her serve.





Senior Victoria Jones and coach Jon Rubino talk during the tournament at S.E. Polk High School.

Basics to volleyball

Sophomore Shyle Floyd bumps the ball to the setter.

Bump!

Junior Emily Young is setting before a game.

Set!

Freshman
Natalie
Clark spikes
the ball in
the back
row.
Spike!



Sophomore Megan Bartholomew and senior Keri O'Tool dance and goof around before the game at Saydel.

WHO IS MAHING A SPLASH

WITH BOYS' SWIMMING

Swimming is a sport requiring a lot of hard work, dedication, and practice. The boys' team has two-a-days, from 5:30-6:30 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. after school. There are also usually 2-3 meets a week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and sometimes Saturdays.

There are about 15 guys out this year, including one from Saydel. They are coached by Eric Thorson.

Senior Nick Hestbech says he likes Thorson because "he is a good mix of fun and firm. We have fun if we do the work."

Hestbech has been swimming for four years. He enjoys it because "it's a lot of good exercise. It's fun to be with the team and hang out, work hard, and get stuff done."

During practices there are sets of yards to do within certain times. There are several sets per practice with one hard set. Some sets include just legs (kick), just arms (pull) or free-style. Beginners also must work on the basics like diving and flip turns.

The different strokes in swimming include the backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle.

Freshman Tommy Peter is swimming this year for the first time. He said his favorite race is the freestyle for now.

"It is the fastest style of swimming and it doesn't take much to learn how to do it," Peter said.

Peter said he tried out for the heck of it. "The water feels good when you're swimming. It is active but it won't hurt you except muscle ache. It is relatively safe and fun because it is competitive," he said.

Sophomore Alex Woods is swimming

for his first time this year.

"It's something new to try and if I like it I'll stay in it," he said.

Junior Billy Rotza is trying out swimming this year too.

"It's fun and it helps you with muscles and healing injuries," Rotza said.

He said that it is different from other sports he plays, football and soccer, because it uses all of your muscles and it is in the water.

"The hardest part about swimming is just being there and telling yourself not to stop. Your body wants to take a break but you gotta keep going to get better," Hestbech said.

He said the team is going to be faster with a small team, but a lot of the same people coming out.

"Before each meet the team gathers inside the locker room and does a cheer. Its pretty cool and it gets you hyped up," Hestbech said.

Another ritual would be when the team bleaches their hair each year.

"It's been a tradition since I've been here and since my brother was here. For as long I know of," Hestbech said.

All of the upperclassmen participate, and any underclassmen who want to.

"Before conference we do mowhawks and shave stuff into our heads because we are going to shave it off a week later," Hestbech said.

Swimming is a sport where members have to have a good work ethic because it's not going to be easy, but it all pays off in the end.

"It's really fun; I recommend it. It's different from any other sport," Peter said.

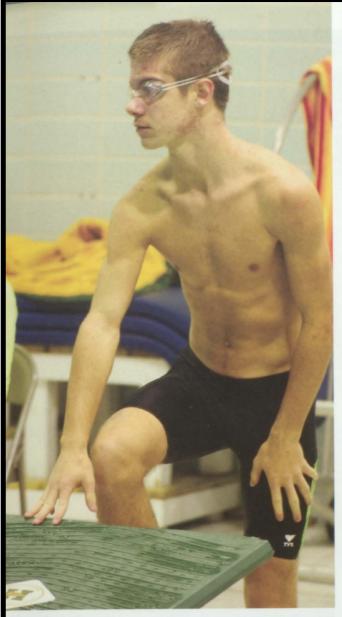




Freshman Tommy
Peter (top) adjusts his
goggles before his
race. Senior Nick
Hestbech (above)
talks to his coach
between races.
Freshman Josiah
Burriola and junior
Taylor Jackson
(below) help cheer on
their team.







Sophomore Alex Woods (top left) steps on the platform before his race begins. Sophomore Quinton Gordon, freshman Tommy Peter, and junior Billy Rotza (bottom left) are lined up, ready for their relay.





Junior Tim Leffler (above) swims in the free-style. Freshman Josiah Burriola (left) swims in the breast stroke. Sam Bourland (below) dives into the pool.







The girls swim team is a big team but a young team. Most of the the team is underclassmen.

"Swimming is my favorite sport," sophomore Olivia Boston said. "It's the only one I do and I'm very good at it. I started when I was eight and have been swimming ever since then. My freshmen year I was on varsity and I'm on it this year too. I'd be mad if I were on JV," Boston said.

"One thing that is different this year is that we have a lot of underclassmen including myself. We only have like two juniors and not that many seniors. It doesn't bother me at all because were good swimmers," Boston said.

"I love to swim," junior Jena Smith said.

"I just love the water. I get nervous before my meets but that's just because I want to win. Swimming can be hard at times. The hardest thing I think would be is keeping at it and not just giving up when you get tired. I've lost some of my meets and was bummed about it but my teammates said it was okay so that made me feel better. We do a lot of fun things like this year we went camping and we did fun activities during some practices," Smith said.

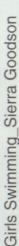
"Our team is like a big family, we all get along and we do a lot of fun activities. I think we should have more juniors though. There are only two, me and someone else. Next year when we are seniors a lot of underclassmen will rely on us to give them rides and if there are only two seniors, it's going to be hard for us and I don't even have a car yet. But otherwise, everything is cool," Smith said.

"I don't even like swimming," senior Madi Rothman said.

"I just joined because my mom signed me up for it. I started swimming my freshmen year and just kept going. It can be fun at times but then again demanding. If you want to be on varsity you have to show up for the morning practices at 5:30am ever day but Sundays'," Rothman said.

"At our swim meets, I don't really try my best. I only try and swim fast just to beat my time, not to win. I know I'm not going to make varsity, so I don't really care," Rothman said.

Sophomore Abby McNichols swims the breast stroke during the meet against SE Polk.









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Senior Emily Dungan, freshman Erin Dungan, seventh grader Elsa Anderson and senior Amber Anderson are doing the song called Sisters. They wanted to do a song with their sisters. "We do different types of music depending on the theme like this year we did our theme as Synchro in the city and some of the songs were about the city and going out," Dungan said.

There are 26 people that are involved in Synchro swimming. It is basically a dance recital but in the water. Synchro in the city is the theme this year. There are two numbers. There is a girl's number and a coed number.

Sophomore Erna Mahutovic is in Synchro swimming. It is her first year.

"You only have two months to learn the dance and it gets hard because you have so much to do at once," Mahutovic said.

They had their show May 6th and 7th. Everyone contributes and helps make the dances. The songs they do usually have to do with the theme. The songs they did talked about going out in

"One of the hardest parts is to remember your counts," Mahutovic said.

Some of the things they put in their routines are: Ballerina legs and summersaults.

Senior Emily Dungan has been swimming since seventh grade.

"We do different types of music depending on the theme. This year, We did our theme as Synchro in the city and some of the songs were about the city and going out," Dungan said.



Sophomore Erna Mahutovic gets ready for their show. She is applying make-up. "This is my first year," Mahutovic said.

Womans Sport

reshmen Elizabeth Lockin is the only female who is on the Girl's Golf team, but how can you have a team with only one girl? Lockin plays on the Girls Golf team at Roosevelt High School. You may also remember her brother Ben Lockin who graduated last year. He also played golf for Hoover.

"Someday I will be as good as my brother. This is only my first year of golf," Lockin said. Besides golf Lockin is also on the swimming team.

Golf has to deal with patience, attention, and silence.

"Golf deals with a positive attitude and it takes a lot if concentration," Lockin said.

Sometimes you wonder what makes the crowd go crazy? Is it the hole-in-ones? Or is it just the way the game is played?

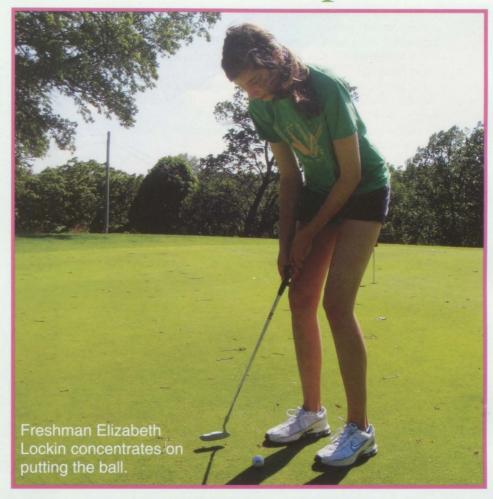
"I've had a hole-in-one before but it was only in miniature golf," Lockin said.

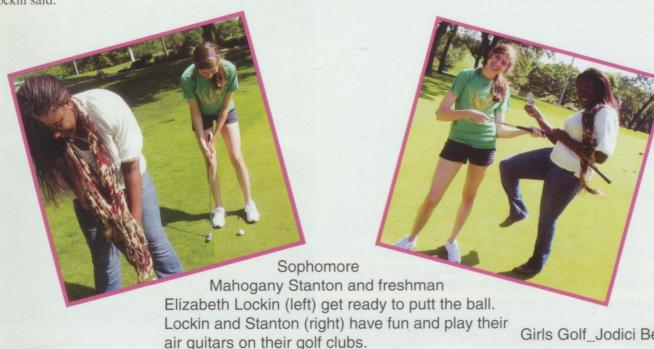
When playing the game golf everybody has their good days, and their bad days, but you just got to brush it off because practice makes perfect.

"I've had those days and I've had low scores," Lockin said.

Tiger Woods, and Michelle Wii are a couple players that everybody likes.

"My favorite golf player is Phil Michelson," Lockin said.





WHAT GOLF IS REALLY ABOUT

Family support, doing your best, and having fun doing it.

Senior Nick Hestbech has played golf for four years, beginning as a freshman. He plays the sport for fun, while also being on the tennis and swim team. Hestbech likes all the sports equally.

"(It's) enjoyable. I just want to make the team and coach proud," Hestbech said.

For Hestbech, a good friend sparked his interest of playing golf. For Trey McIntosh, a sophomore, he thought it looked like a lot of fun.

"(What really drives me to do my best is) that I'm the worst player on the team," McIntosh said.

McIntosh has been on the golf team for only a year, but he's played two total in his life.

The team usually practices for two hours after school. Then after a meet, the boys will either go home and relax, or they will go out to dinner.

"On a weekend, I'll usually go out and play a round or two," Hestbech said

Playing golf, you have to have your own special techniques to try to make the ball go in the hole. For McIntosh, it's all about the angle of the golf club and his body.

"I turn a certain way at an angle to try and make it in the hole," McIntosh said.

Golf can also be stressful, even though it is a relaxing sport. Not doing your best can make you feel like you have to push yourself to do better and keep practicing.

"It's when I shoot badly, that always makes me mad," Hestbech

For McIntosh, having only been on the golf team for one year, and being a sophomore, knows there are some things you can't always do.

"The thing I don't like is that I'm not old enough to drive the golf cart down at Woodlawn Gold course, because of the hills and stuff," McIntosh said.

Both guys have really supportive parents that are there to cheer them on. Hestbech's dad gets out there with him and plays golf to help him practice. They also agree on having the same favorite professional golf players.

"Zach Johnson and Tiger Woods would have to be my favorite golfers," McIntosh said. For Hestbech, it's also Tiger Woods.

Golf can be a boring sport to some people. It's relaxing and you spend hours on the course practicing in the quiet area. However, add a group of guys, and that's a different story.

"They're really fun," McIntosh said.

Junior Jacob Brown (above right) looks at his score card at Waverly Golf Course. Seniors Nick Hestbech and Charlie McInroy (middle right) walk with a Roosevelt golfer after a day of practicing. Hestbech has played golf for four years and is currently in tennis and swimming. Hestbech (right) prepares to hit the golf ball.



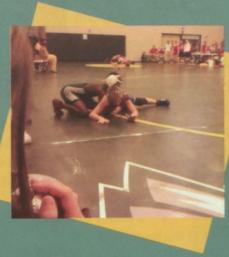




TAPIT OR SNAPI

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE IN WRESTLING.





Junior Lester Mwirichia pins the opponent down. He also got second place at the tournament.

Hard practices that last two hours, working out everyday, and pushing yourself over the limit is all part of wrestling. Junior Lester Mwirichia has been in wrestling for two years and whose favorite sport is wrestling. Mwirichia first got introduced to wrestling by former Hoover teacher Jason Lampe who coached wrestling last vear.

"He really taught me a lot," Mwirichia said.

The wrestling team is a combination of Hoover and North students. JV and varsity consists of about 35 people. Wrestlers practice each day for two hours.

"The most challenging thing for me is working out on bad days. You feel bad or had a bad day, but you still have to work out hard because if you don't, you're cheating yourself," Mwirichia said.

One of the things that Mwirichia likes the most about wrestling is the "intensity", and one of his least favorite things would be cutting weight.

Mwirichia's family supports him 100 percent, especially his brothers and his dad. He also thinks that wrestling is the manliest sport out there.

"It shows a man in every aspect what so ever, whether you win or lose," Mwirichia said.

School work also has an effect

on being able to play or not. Just like in every other sport, if you don't pass then you don't play. Wrestling isn't a violent sport, it's just intense. The wrestlers are taught to control their emotions.

"You can't just pick someone up and dump them on their head, " Mwirichia said.

Anyone who has been in wrestling, or loves wrestling, would agree that a good player has to have a good head on their shoulders without showing weakness.

"If you like working out and if you like pushing yourself to your best ability, then wrestling is the sport for you," Mwirichia said.

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Cheerleading:

Male cheerleader makes huge impact

The usual cheer outfits include skirts, but instead junior Joe Wildt wears shorts to cheer in. Wildt is on the JV team. This is his first year being on the team.

"I love cheering!" Wildt said.

He tried out twice and made it his second time he tried out.

"I was nervous because I didn't know what to expect," Widlt said.

The next time he tried out he was prepared and already knew what to expect, and he made it.

Cheering is a big commitment to Wildt.

"No other guys do it and I like to start new things," he said.

He feels that if he doesn't cheer well that people will make in front of him and he won't make a good impression for the other guys that are willing to try out next year.

The cheerleaders also have dances that they perform at prep rallies, half times and competition.

Wildt said, "Guys usually don't join in on the dances, but if the dances include stunts, I run in really quickly and help out with the stunts."

Wildt enjoys cheering and also participates in other curricular activities like the swim team, mixed martial arts (MMA) and the chess team. He finds time to fit all of these activities into his schedule, including participating in community service and fundraisers with the cheer team to help raise money for their team.

Junior Lester Mwirichia said that he thinks it's OK to be a male cheerleader and that it adds to the diversity.

"He has the 'heart' for doing it, because I wouldn't do it," Mwirichia said.

He said that he agrees that Wildt is making a good impression and that he should keep up the good spirit because most boys wouldn't do it, including his self.

"Cheering is not my thing," Mwirichia said, even though he likes to dance and has been on the step team. "I love dancing," but he "would not try out to be a cheerleader."

He would rather participate in things like cross country, soccer and wrestling. After all is said and done, Mwrichia still wants to give Wildt his props and said, "Keep doing your thing, Joe!"

Sophomore Jerrica Adair, Widlt's teammate, said that she thinks its fun with a boy on the team. They can do more things with him on the team such as one man stunts.

"When we are tired he gets us all moving," Adair said. "He doesn't only bring strength to the group, he also has a great personality and a funny side that we all like."

She agrees with Mwirichia and said that she thinks it's okay for a guy to be on the team.

"At first I think people were surprised, but now I think they are used to it," Adair said.



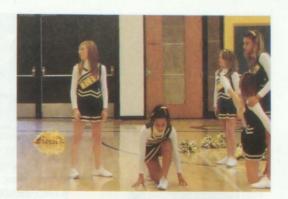
Freshmen cheerleaders Hannah McCoy, Samantha Wilkerson, Cindy Breskic, Taylor Sullivan and Jaynah Wright (top) cheer during a pep assembly.

"He (Joe Wildt) has the (heart to do what he does." -Junior Lester Mwirichia





Sophomore cheerleaders Aliyah Hoskins, Kinsey Van Houten, Jerrica Adair and Heaven Slye (left) cheer at a pep assembly. Freshman cheerleaders Hannah McCov. Samantha Wilkerson, Taylor Sullivan, Cindy Breskic and Jaynah Wright (right) warm up for the pep assembly.



"The first game I was nervous, but when you mess up nobody notices." Freshman Taylor Sulivan



JV and freshmen cheerleaders Taylor Sullivan, Samantha Wilkerson, Joe Wildt, Kinsey Van Houten, Jerrica Adair and Cindy Breskic (left) cheer at the freshman football game against Dowling.



Senior cheerleaders Marisol Meza. Allison O'Braza, Ashley Neal and Katie King (above) cheer at the Homecoming game against North.

"I love the environment and the people in it!" -Sophomore Jerrica Adair



Varsity cheerleaders Shireena Taylor, Allison O'Braza, Tajya Cason, Mariah Goodson, Kylie Van Houten, Jordyn Kracht, Mallory Stites, Heather Valderama, Katie King and Marisol Meza (above) in the locker room after the Powder Puff game raiding the boys locker room.



JV and freshmen cheerleaders Heaven Slye, Hannah McCoy, Joe Wildt, Taylor Sullivan, Samamtha Wilkerson and Kinsey Van Houten (above) cheer at the freshman football game against Dowling.

BOYS BASHETBALL UNDER DEW MANAGEMENT



Senior Qunicy King lays it in during the game against Dowling.



Junior Kelly Madison is going for a rebound against Dowling.



Senior Josh Johnson shoots a three pointers against Mason City. The varsity team this year is under all new management, with three new coaches: head coach Courtney Henderson and assistant coaches Bill Proctor and Justin Roddy. A few of the boys think that this year is going to be an improvement due to coaching, while others think that it is about the same as years before just with different coaches.

"Henderson is a good coach and he knows what he is talking about," senior forward Josh Johnson said.

The boys however think it is the chemistry that keeps them on top of their game. They play well together because they know how the others play and can almost get inside each other's heads in the middle of a game. Some of the boys have played together for all four years of high school and

others have been playing together even longer on other teams.

"The best thing about being on the team is being in a family," senior point guard Quincy King said.

However it is a little bit of a struggle this year with a new head coach. They have to throw out all they know and relearn the game.

"We have been working on a whole new system and throwing the old stuff out," Johnson said.

A few of the boys said that the hardest thing about being on the team is the defensive slides and the running. One thing about Henderson is that practice has a set time, but if they jack around he has no problem making them stay after practice and run.

Many of the boys have played on other teams before and liked them, however, "playing for Hoover is fun because of my teammates and the support of the other students," Johnson said.

For sophomore Dwight Sistrunk, Jr., basketball is a part of life, he has been playing since he was three. Sistrunk also plays outside of Hoover for Kingdom Hoops because of his love for the sport.

Practices have gotten a little tougher this year. They run for two or three hours everyday except for Sundays. King said practices are very productive and he enjoys them personally because they make him work hard. Sistrunk disagreed and said the running makes it less enjoyable for him.

Overall the boys are hoping for a great season with the new coaches and new teammates.



The varsity team catches their breath during a timeout while the new heat coach Courtney Henderson talks to them at the Ankeny game.



Junior Chris Bemisdarfer plays defense against East.



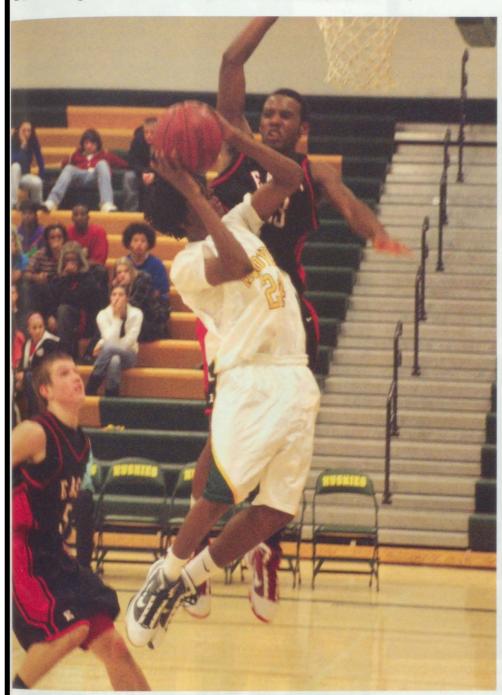
Junior Reggie White goes for a lay up against Mason City.



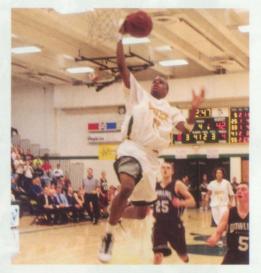
Junior Onterior Brown shoots against Mason City.



Junior Rodney Silliman dribbles down the court during the East game.



Junior Kourtlin Jackson takes it to the hoop at the game against East.

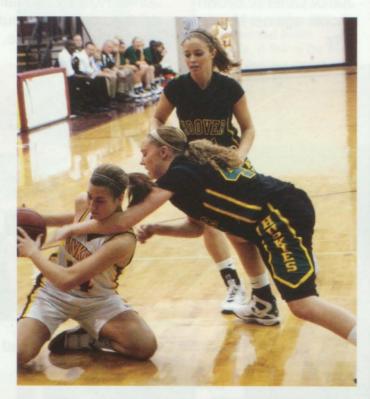


Senior Quincy King gets ahead and takes a shot against Dowling.



Sophomore Dwight Sistrunk pushes past Ankeny to make a basket.

Senior Liza Brittain (below) fights for a loose ball against an Ankeny player. Brittain scored nine points this game. Senior Alayna Bailey (right) and junior Grace Phillips fight East players for a ball. Senior Elizabeth Rodriguez (lower right) runs by a Dowling player to put up a layup. Rodriguez got eight rebounds this game.





Athletic trainer Troy Kleese (above) helps LaCrechia Floyd after she injured her arm in a game. She eventually finished the season.











Senior Alayna Bailey (upper left) goes up for a loose ball against a Dowling player. Bailey got eight rebounds and three steals against Dowling. Senior Alexandria Reif (left) takes a shot against East. Reif scored six points this game and got four rebounds.

Senior Alayna Bailey against Ankeny High



Senior Liza Brittain (right) helps senior Charae Miller find a spot to shoot her free throw.

Girl's Basketball

The girl's basketball team takes a lot of pride in themselves, and believes that they have what it takes to have a great season and with the support of their coaches they believe they will reach their destination.

Senior guard Alayna Bailey has played basketball all four years and believes the team has grown together.

"We should do really well this year, most of us are seniors and we have a lot of chemistry," Bailey said.

The coaches do very well in helping the team both prepare for the season and be better people.

"The coaches teach us skills, plays, and just have fun with us, they show that they have the same dedication we do," Bailey said.

The coaches don't only just help with drills and practices; they also do other things outside of school to help the team.

"Coach Boston often brings scouts to games, to help us find a college to play for, and we get into a lot of basketball camps over the summer," Bailey said.

Coach Haywood Boston is the head coach and discovered that he had cancer this year, however the team sees that he has done well to cope with it.

"He is still the same Boston and he won't let this hold him back, he is having fun, laughing, excited for basketball, and from what I know the cancer is all gone," Bailey

The team would often do what they could to help Boston and have fun and not let anything get in the way.

"If we are ever nervous, Boston will do something funny to help us calm down." freshman Reanna Lewis said.

The most memorable moments happen with coach Boston according to a lot of team members.

"When we had our Christmas party he sat us down and talked to us, and he look at how hard we work," Lewis said.

"I like the team sleepovers and parties we have over the summer, one thing I know is, never try to wake up Boston, he'll attack you," Bailey said.

Boston does not like drama on his basketball team according to the girls, and he will not allow it, and this is one way he helps with team building.

"Boston doesn't put up with drama, a team is supposed to be a team, so if you have it he will not hesitate to kick you off the team," senior center Alexandria Reif and Bailey said.

The team looks forward to the season and they hope that they can do well and are excited to see their coaches on the sidelines helping them get better.





Coach Haywood Boston (above left) calls a time out during a game. Boston has been coaching at Hoover for over 20 years. Junior Alyse Messa (above right) moves to receive a pass during a drill at practice.

One, two, three, you're out

Baseball. It's not just about hitting a ball with a bat then running around bases. It's about dedication, cooperation, hard work and the love of the sport.

"It takes a lot of work. You have to take your summer and put forth your time to baseball," junior AJ Hawxby said.

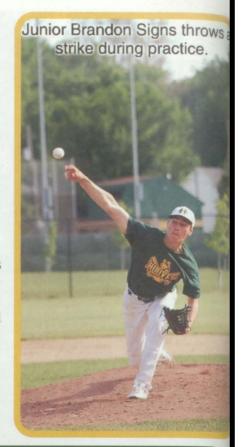
For sophomore Armin Mesinovic, this is his first year playing as a Husky baseball player. He will soon learn that it isn't enough to just to be a player, but to be a part

of a family.

"I joined baseball for something to do during the summer and to be the only Bosnian to play at Hoover right now," Mesinovic said.

With almost half of the team being seniors, many feel like this is their year to shine. Senior Jesse Peterson tells how he feels about his last years.

"It's bitter sweet. I'm excited because we should have a really good team this year. But I'm sad this is my last time playing here," Peterson said.





Varsity Schedule Date Time Opponent Location 5-27 5:30 Marshalltown Marshalltown 6-01 5:30 Mason City Hoover 6-07 3:30 Lincoln Lincoln 6-10 5:30 East Hoover 6-11 5:30 SEP Hoover 6-14 5:30 North Hoover 6-17 5:30 Ottumwa Ottumwa 6-21 3:30 Roosevelt Roosevelt 6-24 5:30 Lincoln Hoover 6-26 TBA Saydel Tourn. Saydel 6-28 3:30 East East 7-01 3:30 North North 7-05 5:30 Ottumwa Ottumwa 7-08 5:30 Roosevevelt Roosevelt 7-12 5:30 Fort Dodge Fort Dodge 7-13 5:30 Waukee Waukee































Baseball_Aleigha Harr



The starting Varsity (above) gets together in a huddle before the game starts. Freshman Natalie Clark (right) bats and hits a double and then patiently waits for the next batter to hit her home.

"The players are a very good group of kids and I look forward to being very successful," coach Marty Van Houten said considering that seniors Amy Uhl, Kylie Van Houten, Elizabeth Rodriguez and Sydney Johnson are all Valedictorians. All seniors have been playing softball at Hoover for all four years of high school.

Coach Marty Van houten is proud to say "I think

Coach Marty Van houten is proud to say "I think we are set up to win alor of games. We have set up a goal to get further in to the play offs and win." Van Houten has been a softball coach for 15 years and his wife Karie Van Houten is the JV softball coach and the Varsity assistant coach.

Both the coach and the players think that they have a good team this year. They get together every Tuesday and/or Wednesday and have team bonding, go out to eat or even just hang out at someone's house. Unlike most other teams, the Varsity team gets along well together as "a family," junior Hannah Bixby said.

One of the weaknesses on the team would be communication. communication is key on the field.

"Things that the team could improve on would probably just being consistant with the plays and batting," Bixby said.

Not only is communication key listening is just as important as anything else. Another problem is attitudes "sometimes it is just out of jealousy," sophomore Shyle Floyd said.

Some of the strengths that the team has are defence, getting along, talking well and batting. Think that we have already improved better attitudes and we seem more focused this year," Bixby said.



1. Junior Devon Henderson reaches up to catch a ball that was thrown to her. 2. Senior Kylie Van Houten swings as the pitcher from Ames pitches the ball. 3. Senior Amy Uhl catches the ball as it is played to home base. 4. Juniors Devon Henderson and Amanda Mount play as a team and get an out on second base. 5. Sophomore Britta Delafield warms up by throwing the ball before the next inning. 6. Sophomore Kinsey Van Houten swings at the pitch at the game against Ames. 7. Junior Hannah Bixby throws the ball to the pitcher for a play. 8. Senior Kylie Van Houten and Sydney Johnson make a quick play to first base for an out. 9. Devon Henderson gets the hit from Ames and is ready to make the pass in to first base.





After tearing her ACL, state ranked senior Ashley Neal is out for the season. But even with an injury, her

"I like bowling because it's a laid back environment. There's not as much pressure as other sports."
-Senior Josh Reeves

passion for bowling has not changed.

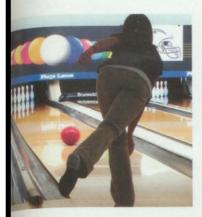
"Everyone should be in bowling, because it's super fun!" -Senior Sydney Johnson

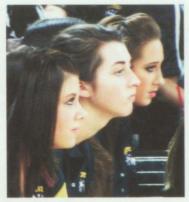
"Bowling can be trustrating: You want to do well. But it is also a lot of fun. You meet a lot of people and really become a family."
-Sophomore Brittany Wells

Last year the girls bowling team went state, an accomplishment for any sport team. If that wasn't enough, they finishe eighth- with (now senior) Ashley No individually finishing fifth overal In any sport, placing at state is a accomplishment. It takes wor preparation, and determination to make to state. For Neal, the work was worth This year everyone expected Neal to exc once again, until an accide that changed her life It was at a soccer game "A girl slid into my knee. I heard a pop an a crack and then I just collapsed," Nea said. She had torn her ACL "(After finding out what happened) I jus like broke down in tears. I can't do anything," Neal said Estimated recovery for an ACL tear is least six months. Neal will have to under extensive physical therapy to even be ab to walk correctly again, which sidelines he for the rest of the bowling season, as we as the 2010 soccer season. But the hardest part about this injury is not the ever-present pain or the therap (which is tedious), it's not being ab to do what she love "It takes a big chunk out of me. That's on thing I do all year, just boy It clears my mind," Neal said As for the rest of the team, they're trying adjust. Senior Sydney Johnson is comi into the season with a positive attitude "It's a team effort. I think we'll do alright Johnson said, "but we're really gonna hu without Ashley. She always brought up ou average, and she had a good attitude Although Neal can't bowl, she still come to practices to support her team She said "It's a big team sport. Any give day you can make it. One perso individually isn't goir to make a difference The team will have to do without her- ar for the most part, they seem optimist Neal said, "There's a reason it happened can't really change what happened. I ju

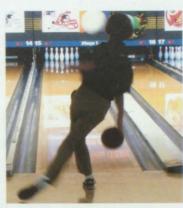
have to keep my head up about the future

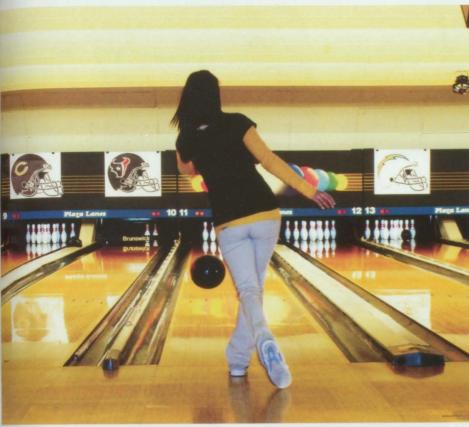
No matter what, I'll always love bowling

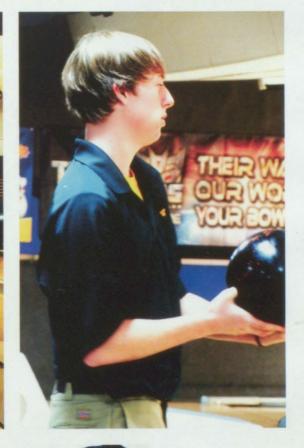








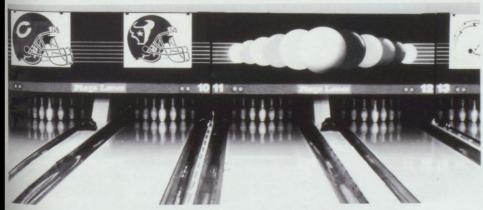




Juniors Andrea Bailey (top right) and Amanda Mount (above) bowl at a meet. Seniors Sydney Johnson, Elizabeth McInroy and junior Amanda Mount (top middle right) look on as their team competes against East. Sophomores Alyxis Beltz (top middle left) and David Reierson (top left) bowl at a meet. Senior Tyler Peeler (upper right) gets ready to bowl. Graham Dawson (right) and Johnny Floyd (far right) look at the scoreboards.

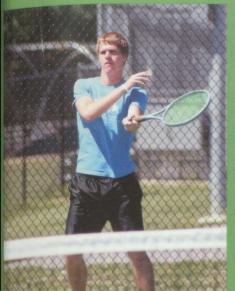






"It's a big team sport. Any given day you can make it. One person individually isn't going to make a difference." -Senior Ashley Neal





BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS!!



Junior John Joy (top) gets ready to hit the ball coming from his opponent.

Senior Elizabeth Bourland (above) shakes the hand of an opponant before a match.

Tennis is a popular spring sport among Hoover students! Girls and boys tennis is a great competitive sport or can be played just for fun with your friends.

"It seemed like fun so, I tried it!" said senior Haley Call. Call has been playing tennis for three years.

"My favorite thing about tennis is playing doubles where two people play against two other people," Call said. Matches can be very competitive.

"Most times I am really pumped before a match!" Call said. This is junior Chris Bauer's first year playing tennis outside of gym class.

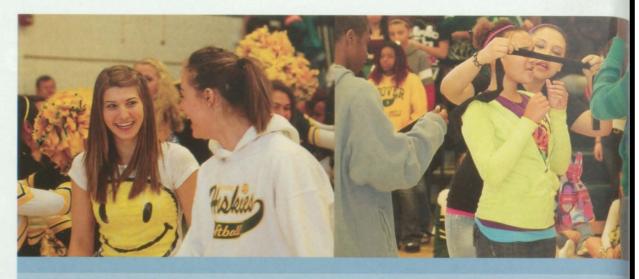
"Even though I'm not that great, everything about tennis is fun!" Bauer said. Tennis is a good sport to play inbetween your other activities to stay in shape and have fun with your friends!

"The hardest thing for me is to remember the score," Bauer said. Whether you play for fun or join the team tennis is a great sport to play.

"Try it! Its fun!"
Bauer said.



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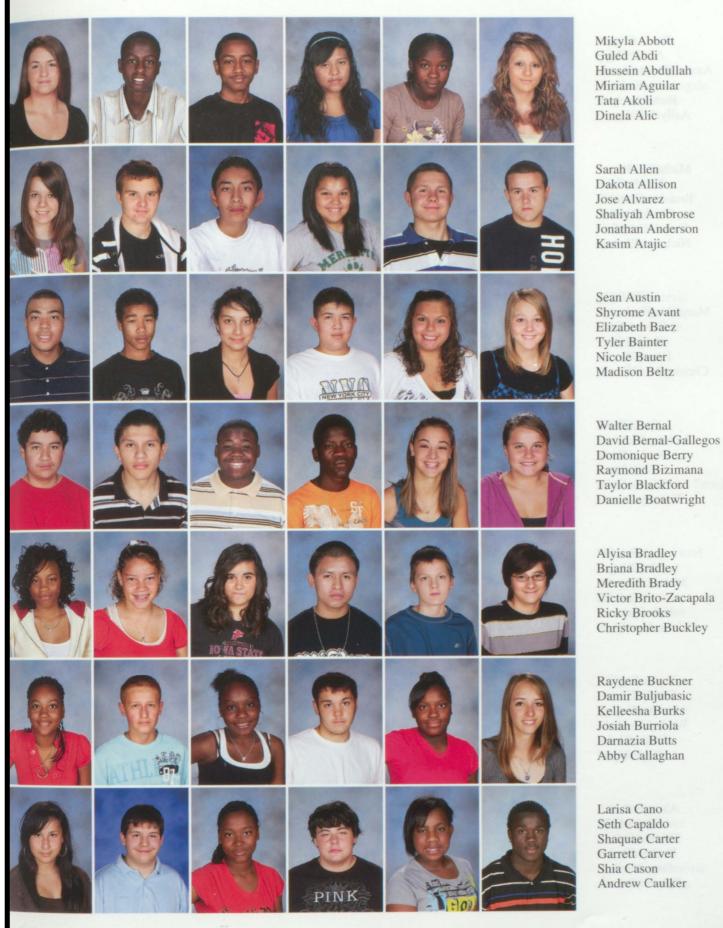
Natalie Clark and Taylor Blackford (above left) walk through the tunnel for softball. "Softball this year is great! The girls are amazing! When we all step onto that field, everyone goes two hundred percent. We all leave everything we have on that field for that one night and that's the best part of playing softball," Blackford said. "Softball is amazing and the friends you make are even better." Blackford plans to play softball the next three years and even after high school.

Sydney Sconiers (above right) gets blindfolded for a game of picking up cotton balls at an assembly.

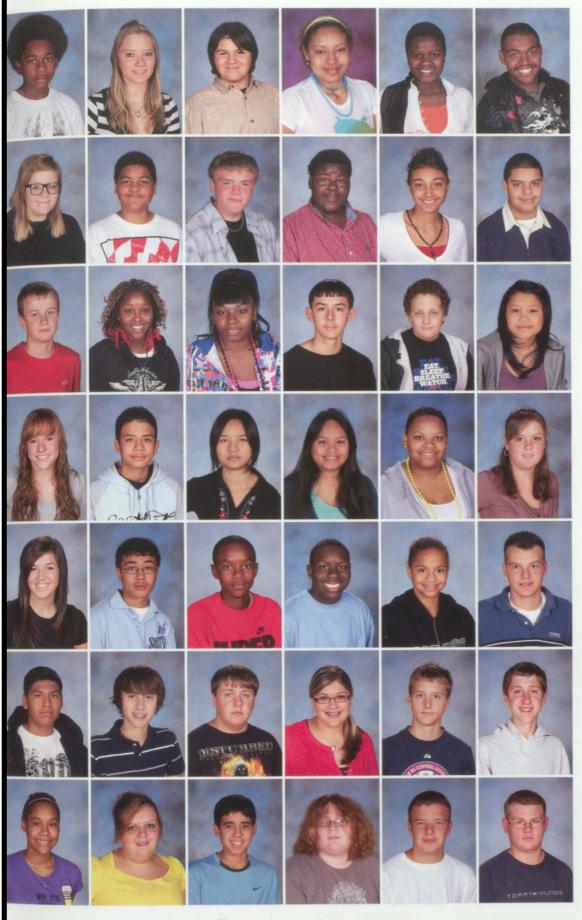
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lways bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

-Abraham Lincoln



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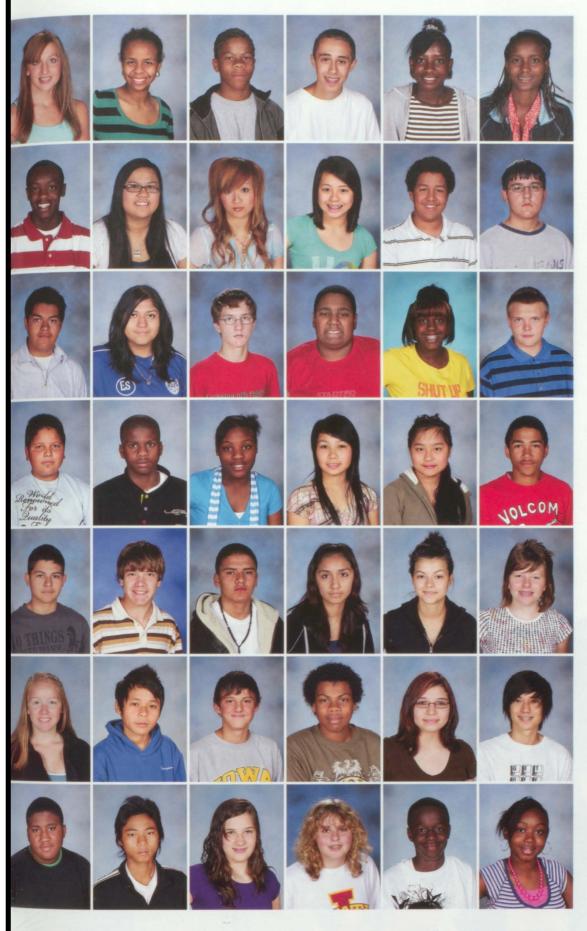
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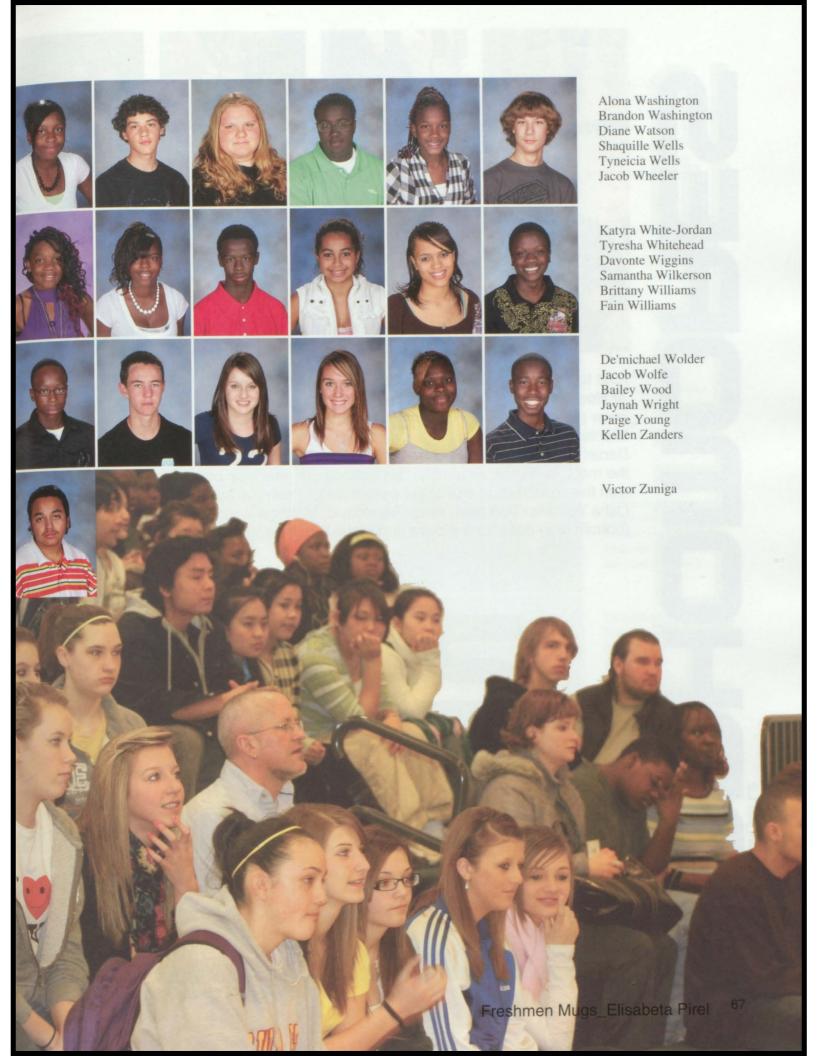
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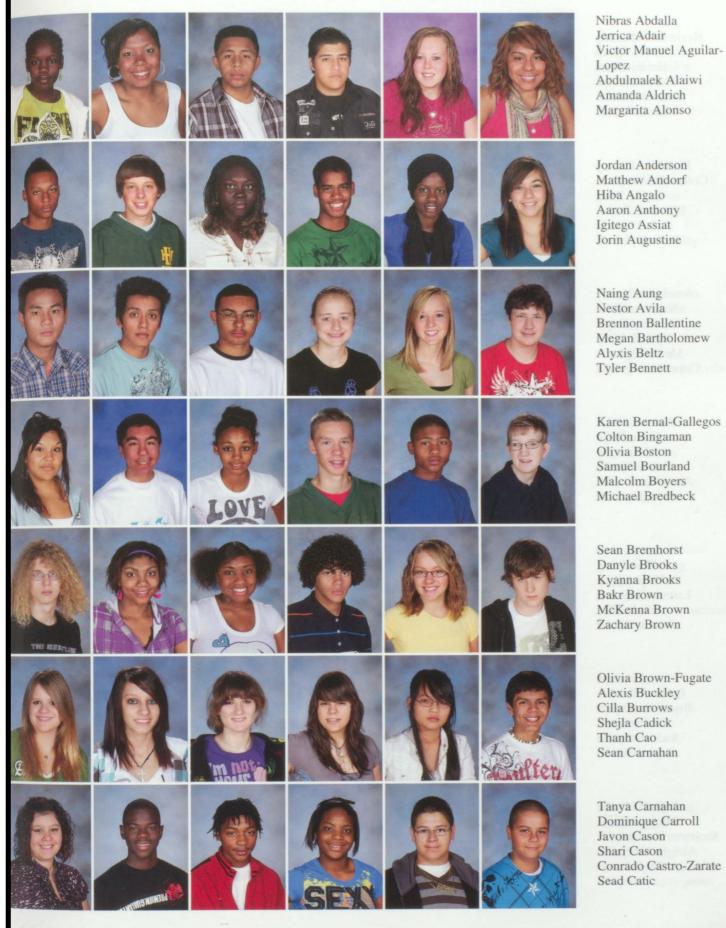


(Left to right) Sean Carnahan runs through the tunnel for the spring play, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This is Carnahan's first year at Hoover. "I gained experience and got to know people better. It's really fun, new and exciting," Carnahan said. Michael Bredbeck smiles as he watches his classmates yell the V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer. Daniel Peterson picks up cotton balls, racing three other students to see who can get the most, during an assembly. "My sophomore year was pretty fun. The class of 2012 won the spirit stick at one of the assemblies," Peterson said. Cody Pifer, Spencer Tow Osha Whitaker (top row), Armin Mesinovic, Matthew Andorf, and Cameron Woods (bottom row) pose for a picture during the Iron Man Volleyball game.

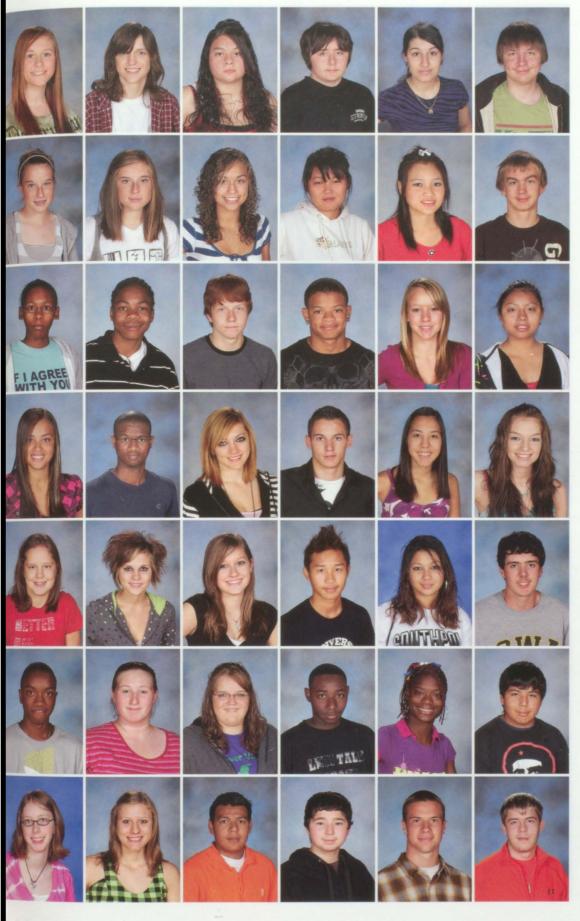
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Believe you can and you're halfway there.

-Theodore Roosevelt



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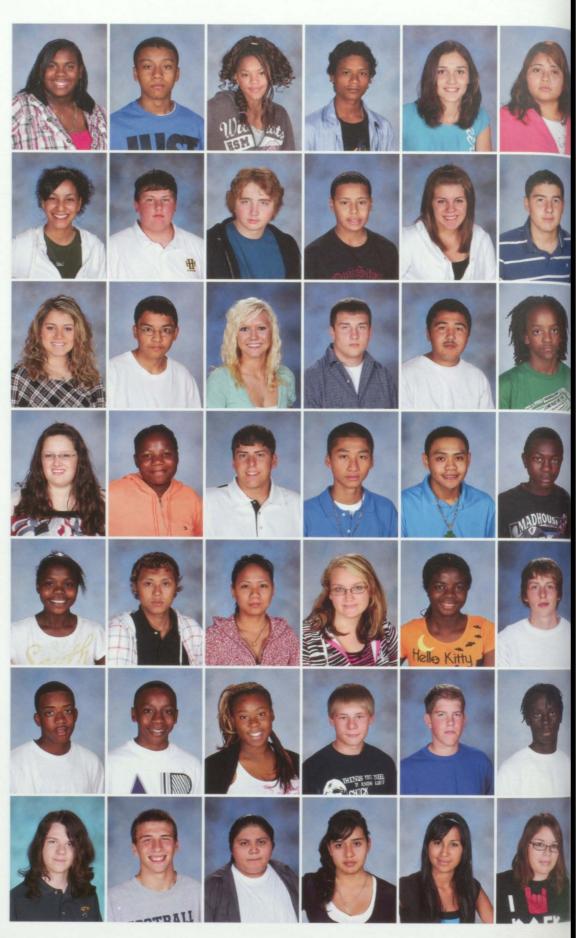
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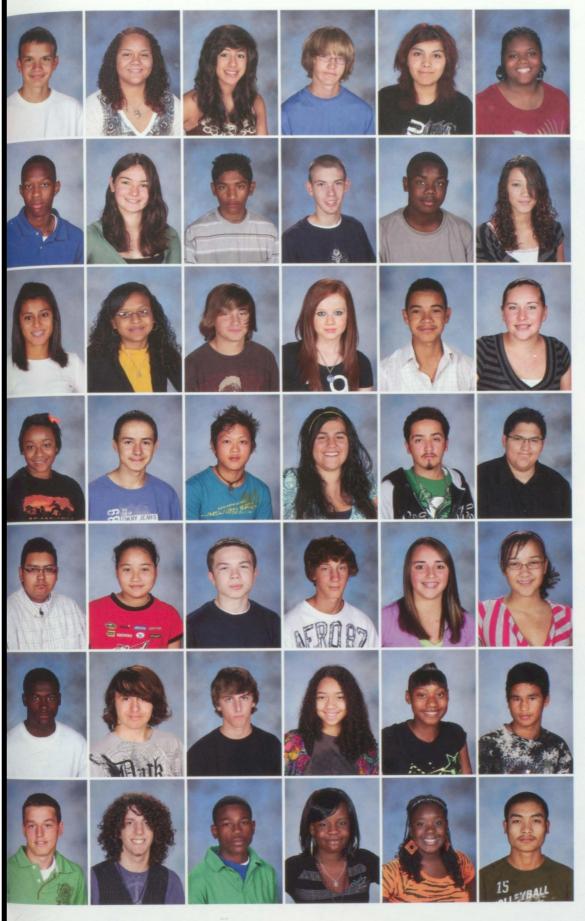
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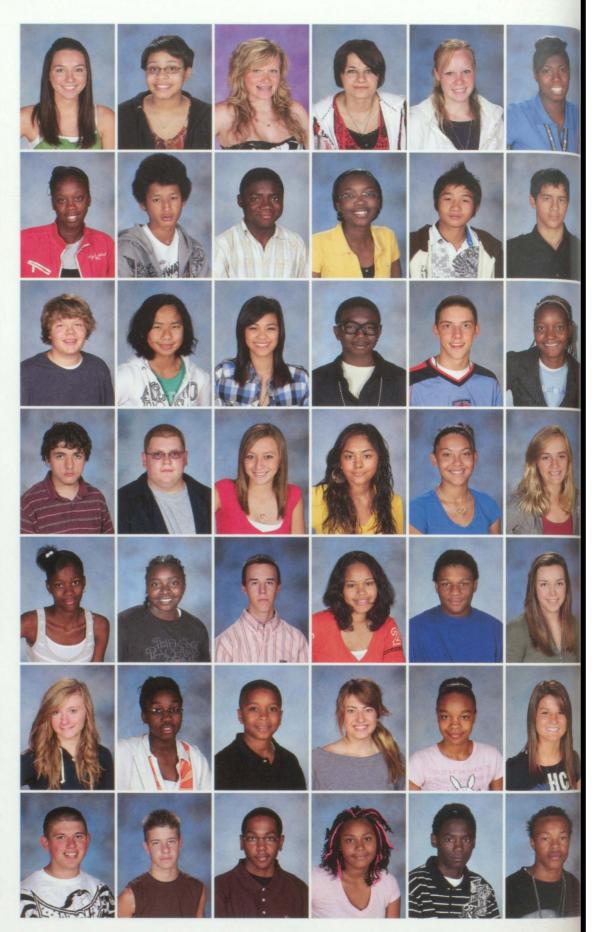
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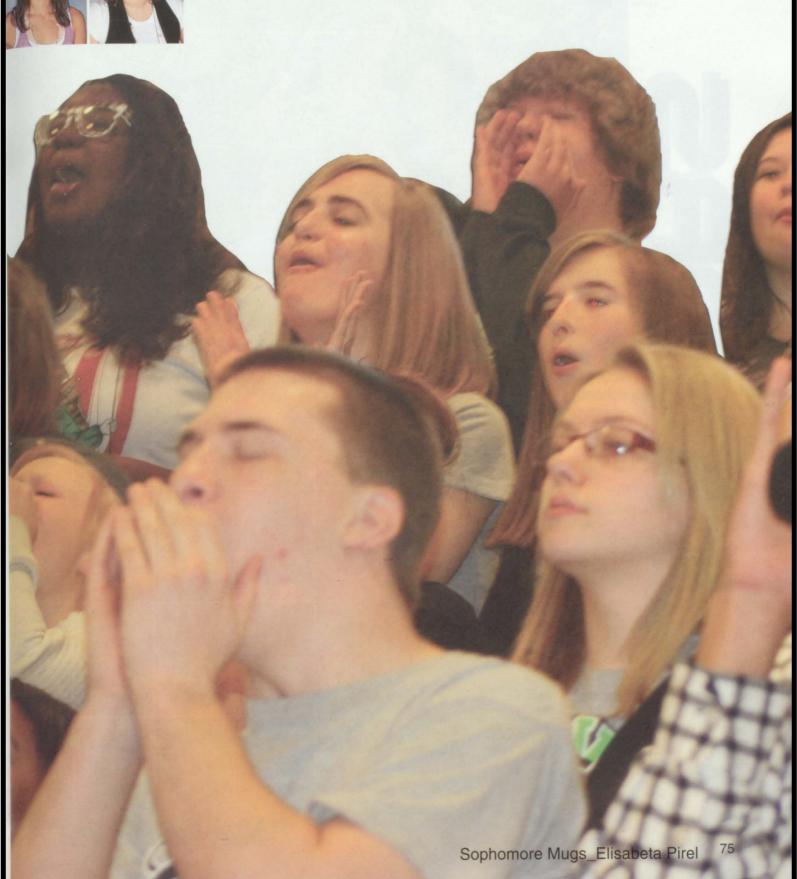
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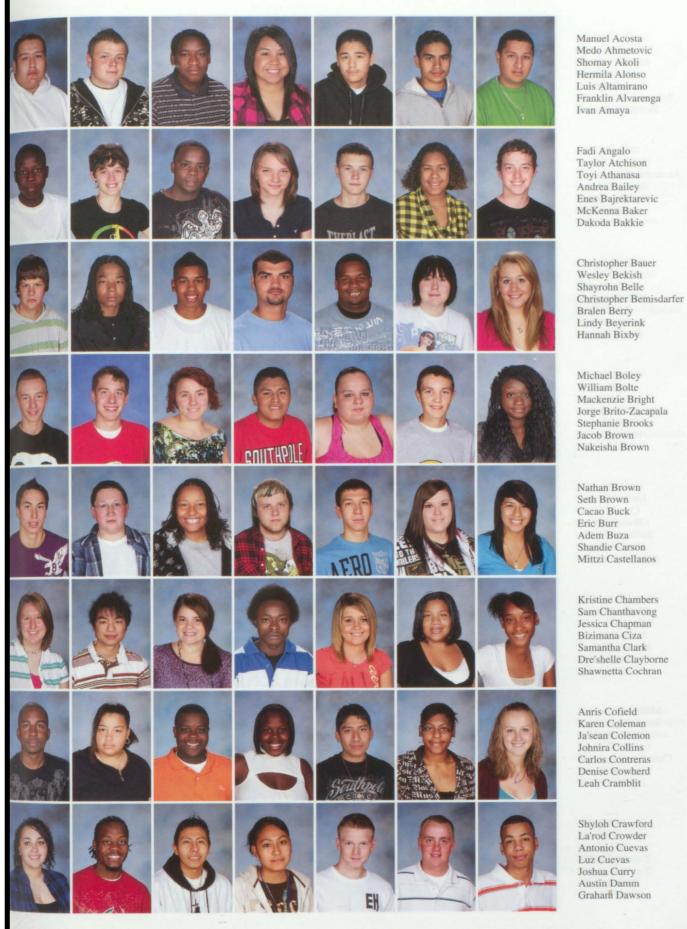


William "Billy" Rotza shout the Victory cheer alongside his classmates. "I like assemblies. They give you a break from class and allow you to have some fun at school." Billy said. "Next year will be awesome. Just the fact that being a senior and it's your last year is what I'm excited for. Also I'll be able to drive and you basically "own" the school."

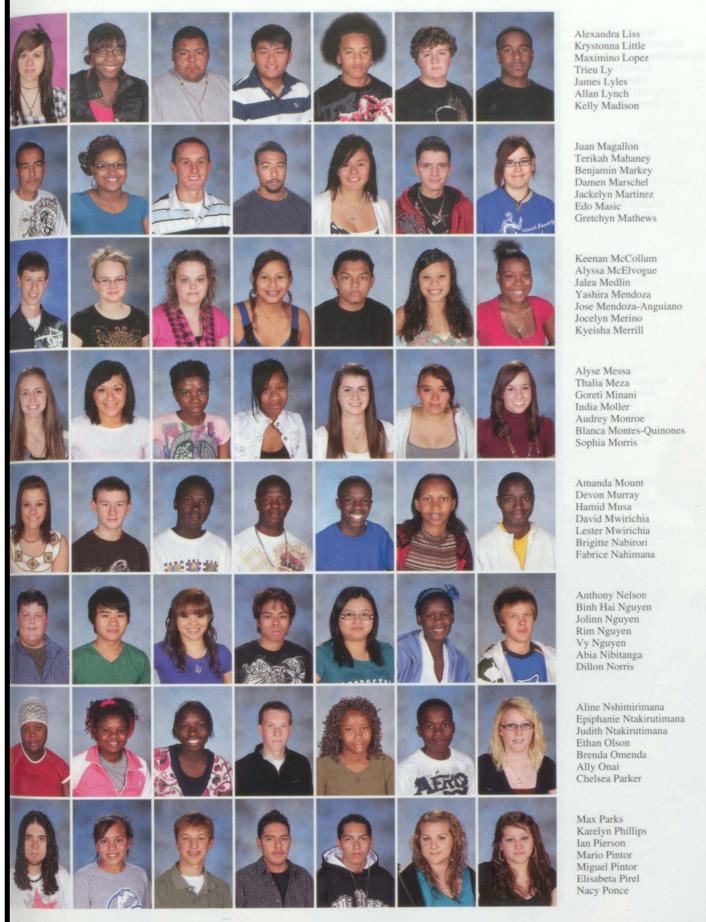
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Le grow neither better nor worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.

-May Lamberton



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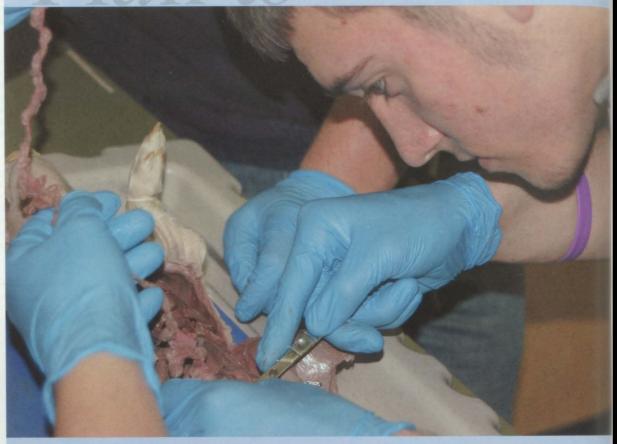
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Academic Division An I

Senior Michael Bell (right) watches carefully as biology II teacher Eric Hall shows him what to do. "Dissecting the pigs was fun and interesting because we got to see the insides of another mammal. It was also cool because the insides of pigs are similar to the insides of humans," Bell said. "I probably won't use these skills in the future because I don't plan on being a doctor." Senior Emir Malovic (below) concentrates carefully on dissecting a pig.









Freshman Shaliyah Ambrose looks for answers in the book "Speak" to do her worksheet. "The homework was hard at first but then I got help from my teacher and I understood it more," Ambrose said. She plans on taking classes at Central Campus sometime during the next three years.

Junior Kristine Chambers studies her music during Chamber Choir. "I'm definitely looking forward to singing in Chamber Choir and the Harmony Jazz Choir next year. Having academics for me isn't that terrible, just as long as I have classes that I enjoy in the mix," Chambers said.

Oducation is a social process.

Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

-John Dewy

THE PERFECT SITUATION

Students agree Elbert is the best teacher for the job.



English teacher Mitch Elbert (above) reads the book *Speak* to one of his classes. Elbert (below) introduces a new book to his sports lit class.



their new book All Season on the Brink.

Sports Literature is a new and unique English class. Footbal coach and English teacher, Mitch Elbert, teaches the subject. The write essays, research sports, write current events, learn about who happens in the sports world and read books about sports.

"We write about how sports originated, how they benefit society and how athletes help society," senior Alex Kilgore said.

Kilgore took the class because it sounded fun to her.

"Our most recent paper was about famous people and how they donate their money to charities," senior Charlie McInroy said.

McInroy took the class because he thought it would be fun and at easy A.

"It's an interesting class and I like sports," McInroy said.

A lot of the students in the class are seniors.

"We help each other a lot with sports terms," senior Bass Vennard said.

Vennard also thought the class sounded fun.

"It's better than repeating 11th grade English," she said.

Kilgore, McInroy and Vennard all think Elbert is the best teacher for teaching sports lit.

"He answers any questions we have about our papers," Vennant said.

"He's very knowledgeable about sports, so he knows a lot and he's always willing to help," Kilgore said.

McInroy agrees that he is the best teacher.

"He's a very bright person and he's smart," McInroy said.

Sports Lit is very different from the other English classes.

"We talk about stuff I don't learn in my other classes," Kilgor said.

They write about pretty much any sports they want and there's lot of freedom to do what they want in class.

"It's more recent and it's not out of the book," Vennard said.

Sports Lit is a good class for anyone who is thinking about going into sports or writing.

"I would recommend people to take Sports Lit because its interesting and if you like or play sports you should enjoy the class," McInroy said.

Is Elbert the best teacher for the job?



"Yes, because he's very into sports and teachers teach best when they like their subject." -Senior Basil Vennard



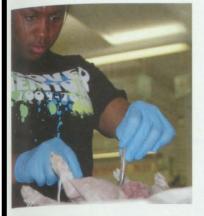
"Yes, he knows a lot about sports and he enjoys talking about them and teaching us whats going on."
-Senior Alex Kilgore



"Yeah, because he's a football coach and he knows about sports." -Senior Charlie

McInroy

DISECTING IN SCIENCE









From top to bottom, seniors LaTasha Porte, Thomas Henry and Emir Malovic dissect thier pigs.

Students talk about their feelings on dissecting.

In biology, some students can't wait to dissect, but others can.

"I like being in Bio II," junior Brian Le said.

"I have Mr. Hall as a teacher and I think he is a really good one too. I have never seen him really angry but just as long as you are on his good side then you will have a lot of fun in his class," Le said.

"I like doing everything in this class including the labs. We usually look at different kinds of bacteria, which I think is very interesting because I'm interested in science for my career," Le said.

"I'm really looking forward to dissecting because I can learn more about animals and what's inside their bodies."

Senior Quin Gooch agrees with Le and is also looking forward to dissecting.

"I kind of like Biology II just because a lot of my friends are in it," Gooch said.

"I have Mr. Hall and I think he is the best science teacher ever! I don't think this class is too difficult just because we do most of our work in class. Some of our tests and quizzes are kind of hard, you just have to take notes and study," Gooch said

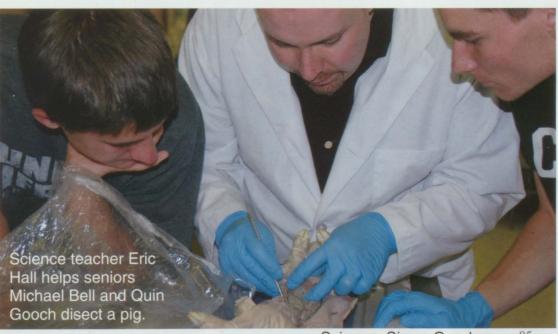
"I'm really looking forward to dissecting, I just hope it doesn't stink because I don't like the smell," Gooch said.

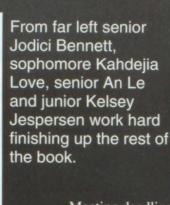
Junior Teneisha Doner disagrees with Le and Gooch and isn't looking forward to dissecting at all.

"I'm in Biology II with Mr. Hall and I think his class is super cool. Last year I took Biology I and really liked it, so I went to my counselor and told her that I wanted to be in Bio II this year," Doner said.

"One lab we did was we went around the school and collected bacteria by putting it in petri dishes and growing it. The class isn't really hard because all you have to do is listen and do your work. We usually get out of our seats because we have so many labs." Doner said.

"I know we are dissecting at the end of this year and I am not looking forward to it at all. I think it's gross and I don't like to see the inside of animals and it really disgusts me to even see blood. Last year in Bio I, I always made my partner do the dissecting and I'm planning on doing that this year too," Doner said.







Meeting deadlines, writing stories and designing pages. Yearbook is a class that gets students ready for the real world.

Sophomore Sierra Goodson and junior Kelsey Jespersen are the editors for next year's book and both are hoping students are prepared to meet all deadlines and to come to them for help.

"We don't want the staff to hate us, but we want them to come to us for help with their stories or whatever they need," Goodson and Jespersen said. The staff will have to be prepared with changes in the class and less pages.

"Were cutting pages because we did not sell enough ads so we will have to change some stuff," Jespersen said.

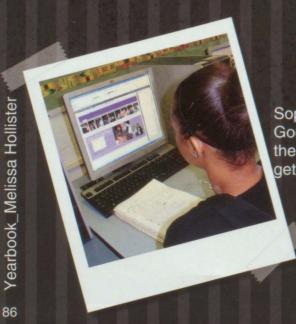
"People also need to meet deadlines and have other people edit their stories. We will drop their grade if they don't," Goodson said.

Sophomore Kinsey Van Houten has been in yearbook for one year now. She says yearbook comes with more freedom.

"Students get more freedom which puts more responsibility on them to get stuff done," Van Houten said.

If a student walks into the yearbook class they might see people frustrated, working hard and or just hanging out.

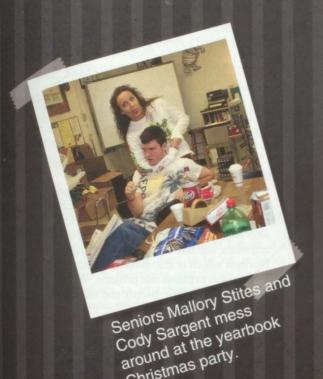
"We do storyboard, interviews, write stories and design pages," Van Houten said. "People are on the computer, talking and messing around. It is a pretty relaxed class but people are always working to get stuff done," Van Houten said.



Sophomore Sierra Goodson touches up the prom page before it gets sent in.

> Sophomore Aleigha Harryman works on her baseball page.







Elisabeta Pirel laugh at a joke someone told at the Christmas

Christmas party. "Yearbook is a fun class that teaches us about the real world better than any other class." - Cody Sargent

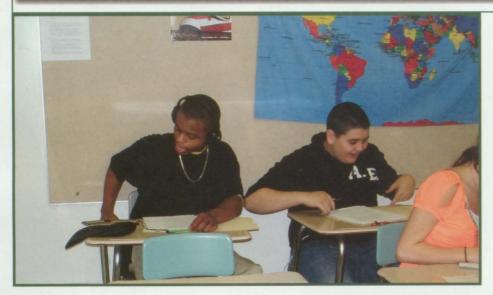


Senior Ashley Lawrence shows off her sparkling cider at the yearbook Christmas party.



From back left, senior Cody Sargent and junior Lia Meza relax on their last days of yearbook. Senior Victoria Jones comes in to visit.

WHO'S TEACHING YOU IN HISTORY?



Freshman Markell Colemen (above) listens to his favorite song on his iPod while completing work in Jason Danielson's PBL history class. Next to him is freshman Salro Muftic reading a passage out loud to begin the assignment.



Freshman Savannah James prepares for a test in Jason Danielson's class.



Freshman Imani Mitchell works on an outline for Danielson's class.

Freshman Imani Mitchell, 15, is a basketball and volleyball player. Although she has chosen to participate in these sports, she didn't choose to be in Project Based Learning (PBL). But Mitchell likes being in PBL.

"PBL is interesting and lets me learn about important history," Mitchell said.

"I like (social science teacher) Jason Danielson's class because it's more fun; I can text and listen to my iPod which makes me relaxed and concentrated." Mitchell said.

Mitchell gives herself an outline to stay on top ${\color{black} \text{of}}$ her grade.

"I'm in Danielson's 20th Century class and I like PBL because it's an easy credit," Mitchell said.

Freshman Savannah James, 14, doesn't let her age stop her. James does numerous after-school activities; she has 20th Century History with Amber Davison which is also project-based.

"Davison explains our projects. We get assignments and we discuss and share to learn from each other," James said.

"I like doing projects," James said.

Mitchell, James and freshman Shaliyah Ambrose are all friends. None of them choose to be in PBL.

Ambrose has social science teacher Mo Murphy's 20th Century class.

"I interact with my teacher when I need help," Ambrose said.

Ambrose's favorite part of PBL is presenting because she accomplishes a lot and likes to help others by sharing.

"Project Based Learning is only for freshmen; we also just started this year," Danielson said.

"The most important thing I've learned to do is finish my work because most of the time I don't," Ambrose said.

Mitchell has learned not to procrastinate.

"Now I write everything down in my planner, sol wont forget," Mitchell said.





"I came (to Hoover) because all of my friends go here, and my parents went here. Project Based Learning helps you learn about your history; PBL slows everything down so you can grasp it and actually learn it."

-sophomore Imani Mitchell

Students Speak Out

Starting last year second semester, students can go into their math class, turn on their computer and do their math work. The program that they use is called APEX. If you do the work, you pass the class.

Senior Tyler Armel thinks math is important.

"I think math is important," Armel said. "You need it in your life like how to count money or pay bills. I want to be a therapist and I don't think I'm going to use it in my future."

"I take my math class on the computer and it's pretty cool. I like it because you get to work on it on your own time and you don't have to rush to get it done. I like it better this way," Armel said.

Sophomore LeAndre Lee agrees with Armel in terms of the benefits of taking advanced math classes.

"I'm going to use math in my future so I think it's very important," Lee said. "I want to be an architect and I need math to do measuring and things like that. Math somehow relates to all other subjects in some kind of form so people might as well get used to doing "."

"I don't take my classes online but I think its pretty good but don't think it's really reliable. I think it would be more helpful for students when a teacher teaches because it's more visually and explained," Lee said.

Freshman Savana Robinson also agrees that math is important.

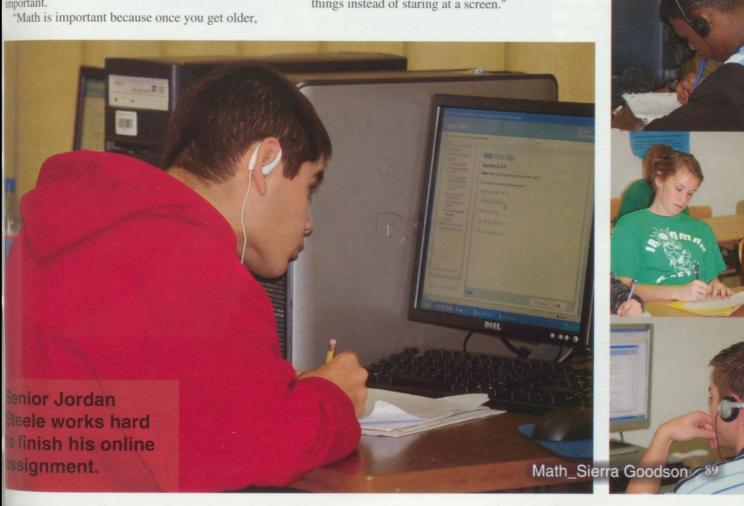
you realize that it helps you out a lot," Robinson said. "Math can be challenging because I have homework every day, not just a little work but a lot of work. I do sports and it's hard to put it in my schedule."

"I have Mrs. (Megan) Smith and I think she is cool, just minus the homework. We don't do our math class online, but I do think it's a good idea because it might help the flow. I think having a teacher teaching you might be more helpful. I probably wouldn't want to do it this year just because I'm so used to having someone teach me but maybe next year," Robinson said.

However, senior Jordan Steele disagrees with Robinson and thinks that it's not a good idea.

"I don't really like math," Steele said. "It's important to a certain extent, but as long as you know the basics, then you're good to go. The one thing I don't like about math is the long equations because they take too long to do. My math classes I do are on the computer."

"It doesn't explain things well and it expects you to remember things. If you don't put an answer in exactly the way it wants you to then it gets counted wrong," Steele said. "I prefer to have a teacher teaching me because I get better explanations of things instead of staring at a screen."



To draw or not to draw!

Three students draw their way to the top!

Senior Denzel Cooper loves his third block art class.

"Art is putting your social feelings, creativity, and emotions into something and drawing is just drawing," Cooper said.

He said that this was his definition of art. But who inspires people to draw? Could it be rappers? Could it be singers? Could it be anything that is everything? Many people are different; it doesn't matter who inspired them to draw because art is their passion.

"The person who inspired me to start drawing is the rapper Ludacris," Cooper said.

When it comes to their art work most people feel like they didn't put there all into it, as if they can go back and add more. So they feel like there drawing is not done even when it is done.

"I feel as if my art work is not done even when I know that I am done," Cooper said.

Magical, futuristic and emotional are just some of the words that people can use to describe their art work. Art is more than art. So there can be many different words to describe somebody's art work.

"Exhilarating is the word that I would use to describe my art work," Cooper said.

Landscaping and portraits are two of the more common ways that people like to draw and show off their artistic ways.

"I like to do freestyle drawings, kind of like graffiti, because it's whatever many of the famous artists that we have today come from many different parts of the world. I would like to go to Paris and show off my artwork, because that's where most of the famous people come from," Cooper said.

Junior William Harris is also in the third block art class.

"Art is more experienced and drawing is the just the basis of art," Harris said.

So what made him decide to go into art and show the world what he can do?

Harris feels like if he gives his art work his all and really put his feelings into it that he could get a career and go somewhere in life.

"I would like to go to Italy and show off my art work because that is where most of the famous people come from," he said.

But where did all this passion for art come from? Was it just something to do? Or so that you can express yourself and how you are feeling?

"I got my passion from art by my mamma always (making me angry), so I had to express myself through my drawings whenever she made me mad," he said.

Harris feels like his art work is "futuristic". Futuristic meaning that he can see into the future, but by using his futuristic imagination and how his mind looks at it. Art for most people relates to the first thing that pops into their mind or something that relates to life. Art in most forms is based on the artist's life.

"I think that my art work is based on my life because I draw the first thing that pops into my mind." Harris said.

"My favorite type of drawing is freestyle because it is whatever," sophomore Semaj Mullins said.

Mullins feels that "art is something creative that was made by someone and drawing is making a picture with a writing object."

Friends and family members are a good example of where most people inherit their drawing skills from

"I inherited my drawing skills from my sister, Chianne," Mullins said. He is unsure of his inspiration about art.

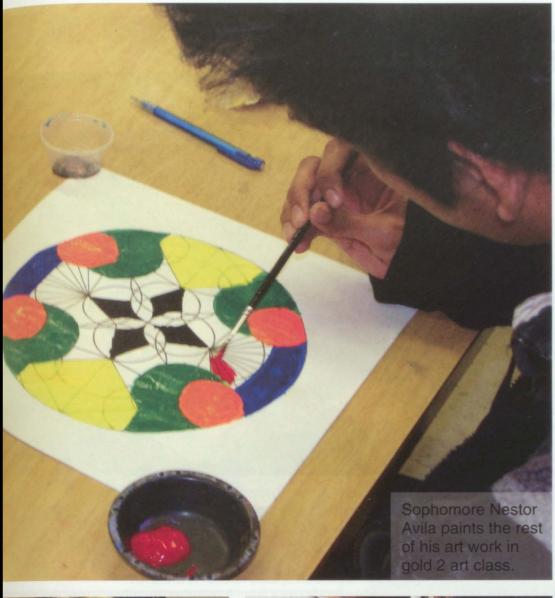
"I don't know. It just happened," Mullins said. But where did art come from for Mullins?

"I think that art became popular in the B.C. days," Mullins said.

"I got my inspiration of art from my friends, Marlon and Dayon," Mullins said.

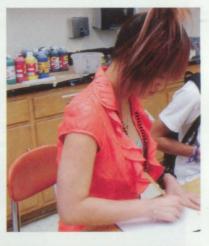
Not every famous piece of art work is related to the life of the artist. Some artists feel as if their art work can relate to anything.

"I don't think that my art work relates to my life at all," Mullins said.

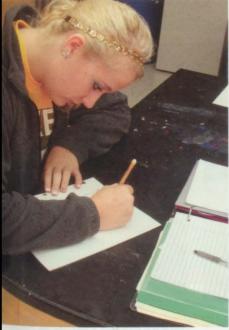


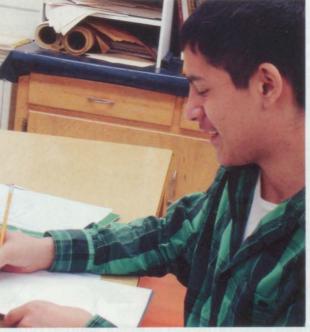












Junior Hannah Bixby and sophomore Hyrum Torres make scrapbooks during gold 2 art class.

Sophomore Bakr Brown, 16, is in a Spanish 2 class with teacher Terri Dessauer, and said that the only things he would change about his class are the "rules because they suck".

"At first Spanish was hard for me, because I didn't know what I was doing; so, yeah, it was kind of hard. But I caught on," he said.

Brown wants to travel abroad to a place across the ocean.

"I would like to go to Madrid, Spain," he said.

Why would he want to go to a place so far?

"Because it's the bomb. That's why" he said.

Many people think that a larger class will take away from their learning because it's one teacher with a lot of kids.

"I think that if you are mature enough, then it doesn't how big the class is because you can handle yourself," Brown said.

There are numerous reasons why kids take Spanish classes. They may want to speak to a family member, or they think that it is cool to learn a different language.

"The person who speaks Spanish in my family is my dad," Brown said.

"'Que Pasa' which means what's up is one of the most common ways to say 'Hi!' My favorite word is 'Eh Wey'; it's slang for 'Hey, dude" Brown said.

Sophomore Karelyn "Grace" Phillips, 16, is also in a Spanish 2 class with Dessauer and said that the only thing she would change about it is "she would like to have more activities and fiestas."

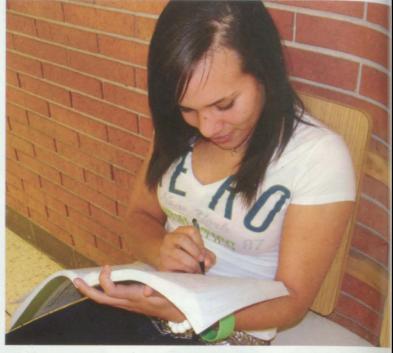
"I really don't think that Spanish is hard because I took it last year." she said. I

t may get hard for a person to pick a place that they would like to go visit, but not Phillips who says that she would one day like to go to "Cuba, because its cool."

Many people take more than one language because they like the thrill of learning a whole new language and they would like to learn a whole new culture, and background.

"If I were to take another language. I would take French because I have taken it once before." she said.

Junior Nathan Brown, 16, is in Spanish 3 with teacher



Junior Grace Phillips studies a Spanish textbook in the student center. Phillips plans to take two years of Spanish.

Mary Dykus and said that he wouldn't change anything about his Spanish class because his Spanish class is "AMAZING!"

Many people take a Spanish course on into college so that they can learn more and get more better at it. But not Brown!

"I feel like I will forget how to speak Spanish myself after high school," he said.

Spanish classes can become a little harder each time because in some classes, English is not allowed.

"In my Spanish class we don't accept English!" he said. Brown said that one day he too would like to travel to Mexico.

"I would like to go to Mexico because its pretty," he said.



Sophomore Bakr Brown works hard in Spanish Class.



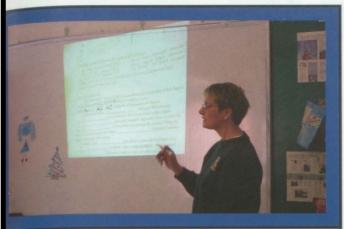
Junior Nathan Brown does his homework in class.



Sophomore Danielle Stull studies for a test.

SAVEZ-VOUS VOTRE FRANÇAIS?

DO YO HOOW YOUR FRENCH?



French teacher Beth Eilers stands in the front of the classroom asking the students to explain their answers in complete French sentences.



Senior Carolyn Thorn finishes works in French class during her fourth year.



Junior Alyssa Ivankovich listens and pays attention while Eilers tells to take notes. Ivankovitch feels Eilers teaches in an easily-understood way.

There are many languages choices for students, including French, Italian, German and most commonly, Spanish. But many students have been getting involved in more non-typical languages like French.

Junior Mittzi Castellanos has been taking French since eighth grade; she is now in her fourth year.

Castellanos thinks that French isn't hard for her, because her Spanish background helps. Castellanos feels that French may help her in the future. Castellanos said she wanted to take another language class since she already has grown up around Spanish her whole life.

"Yes, I enjoy it; it's another language and not as common as other languages," Castellanos said.

Castellanos' favorite assignment in French was reading the novel *La Tulipe Noir*, and making a little magazine about the novel. Another novel read was *The Count of El Contede Monte-Christo*. Other assignments include learning conjunctions, adjectives, vocabularywords, book work, oraltesting and movie watching and note taking.

"French is very fun, and people should join and discover other languages and open their variety" Castellanos said.

"We talk about plans and what we did over the weekend in French, and if you don't say things in French and little things in English then you have points deducted," junior Alyssa Ivankovich said..

Ivankovich is new to school this year, coming from from Johnston, and has been taking French for three years. She became involved in French was she wanted to learn the culture of the French and the "the language is very pretty."

"I would love to take a trip to France, I think it's very beautiful and i have a friend that lives there, I would go shopping and eat the food and see the historical sights" Ivankovich said.

Ivankovich thinks that the teaching methods here are a lot slower, but not in a bad way, only as a way to teach students more thoroughly and help them understand the language more.

Teacher Beth Eilers said she takes her time and makes sure that the students understand what she is talking about, and she explains things in a way that the students will get what she means.

Ivankovich is also in French club which helps her to understand the culture in a different way (and they also have good food)! She also speaks Croatian; her dad is Croatian and she visits him in the summer and "it just grew on her."



Senior Aida Hadzic sits in French class taking notes while French teacher Beth Eilers explains vocabulary. This is Hadzic's fourth year in French class and she enjoys being in the class

A FLASH IN TIME

PHOTOGRAPHY AND OTHER ART CLASSES ALLOW STUDENTS FREE EMPRESSION

Some students think that photography isn't all that fun but throughout the year they find out that its an easy way to express yourself and be creative.

"I love everything about photography; it's interesting. You get to use your creativity," said senior Maggie Quernemoen.

Photography is a class consisting of only juniors and seniors. Students take pictures, develop them and do many other activities. Students usually rotate; some take pictures while others develop their pictures. Students are allowed to take pictures of anything.

"I like taking pictures of small objects and making them interesting," Quernemoen said.

"In photography I try to teach students to be more aware of their world, to see usual things in an unusual view point," said art teacher Pat Jensen-Bock, who started teaching at Hoover nine years ago.

One thing that the photography classes would probably like is new equipment, such as new cameras that work a

little better, or maybe even a computer lab so that students can do some digital photography.

"Our cameras are really crappy, next to the disposable cameras," Quernemoen said.

Throughout the year, students are given many different projects. Some projects are written work, and then there are also the creative projects.

"One of my favorites would have to when we made a camera out of cardboard," junior Jose Mendoza said.

Most students would agree that photography is an interesting, easy and creative class.

"Photography can be easy, just be creative...it's much easier than any other class," Mendoza said.

Cameras are already provided so sstudentsdon't have to worry about spending hundreds of dollars on new ones. Renting a camera is only \$1 for each use.

"My advice for students is to keep trying; even famous photographers take hundreds of photos before they get that one perfect, special image," Jensen-Bock said.



Art teacher Pat Jensen-Bock shows junior Jalea Medlin how to develop film. In class, many other students learn how to develop film too.



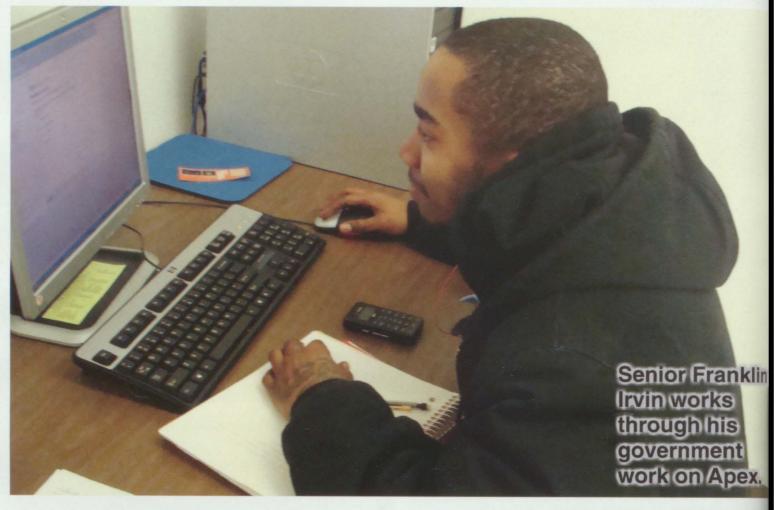
Junior Mackenzie Bright works on her art collage in class during second period.



Juniors Jerrica Sheridan and Rachel Hewitt chat at their tables and work on collages.

Government_lesha Quinn

REGULAR GOVERNMENT VS. APEH GOVERNMENT



Government has been a little bit easier for seniors to pass; they are able to participate in the new Apex government class. In this class, the students take most of the class online and the rest of it in the books. In this case it's at the student's own pace and they can finish the class more quickly than regular government.

Senior Brittany Nelson takes this class and says that she likes it because it's easy and at her own pace.

"I'm going to be done," Nelson said. "It usually takes a semester to finish, but normally a month for me."

All of her other classes are like this but she's basically almost finished them all. Senior Daniel Waller also takes this class since he had a full schedule and this class was the only one to fit into his schedule.

"I'm done so I just use it like a study hall," Waller said. Waller also agreed that the class is easy since he likes working at his own pace.

Senior Nyachout Koat takes the original government class. Her class is a whole semester and she does class work involving the class. In her class juniors and seniors can take her class since it's just a regular core class.

Even though she takes the regular government class she also says that government is easy.

"It can be boring sometimes, but it's OK" Koat said.



Senior Meredith Phipps works on finishing her government work on Apering Phipps enjoys Apex because students can teach themselves and go at their own pace.

NEW TEACHER BRINGS NEW IDEAS

Students Learn How To Manage Money In Econ

There are always challenges when students do something for the first time. This year is economics teacher Edward Diaz's first year teaching. He is the school's only econ teacher, and also teaches history.

Growing up, Diaz never thought he'd be a teacher. He decided to go into teaching after being a boot camp instructor in the military and really enjoys what he does

"I worked as a boot camp instructor for young men. Helping these kids made me realize I could help others," Diaz said.

Junior Nefi Torres likes having Diaz as a teacher.

"He moves around a lot, he doesn't just sit there and lecture. He uses PowerPoints and brought in a couple speakers," Torres said.

Junior Adem Buza is also in one of Diaz's econ classes and likes taking it.

"He's a fun teacher and knows what he's talking about," Buza said.

Diaz's first experience at Hoover was student teaching. This year he was given the choice to come back to Hoover or go to another school but he chose to stay because he enjoyed the school and students.

"There are a lot of really good students and they worked hard to get where they are," Diaz said.

He thinks a lot of students enjoy his class because it has real life issues that they can make connections to. They get to see how it affects them unlike regular classes.

Torres thinks that this class will really help him in life.

"It teaches you how to handle your money, what its going to and taxes," Torres said.

"It teaches you about the economy and the world and how things affect you," Buza

Diaz thinks it's hard to teach this class not only because it's his first year, but because the different comprehension levels make it difficult to know what pace to teach at.

"I think for some individuals its common sense and it's easy. Some don't understand, that's why it's hard to teach," Diaz said.

In econ, students study basic economics and learn the role of the government and how supply and demand affects individuals.

He says his students enjoy learning about the money. "They like to learn how

money is created and how the government spends there money," Diaz said.

"I like learning about profit; it taught me how to make money," Buza said.

For underclassmen that have to take this class, it's not a class in which to be quiet.

"Be ready to discuss your opinions and be ready to apply things to real world issues,' Diaz said.

"Be able to write a paper. Don't use your phone and don't be rude," Torres said.

Diaz feels that this year has been pretty good. He's glad to be teaching at Hoover and enjoys teaching econ.

"I think this year I have learned a lot and because of that I'd consider it to be successful." Diaz said.

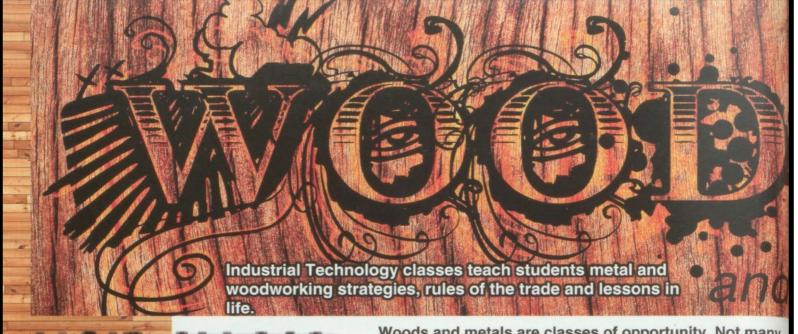




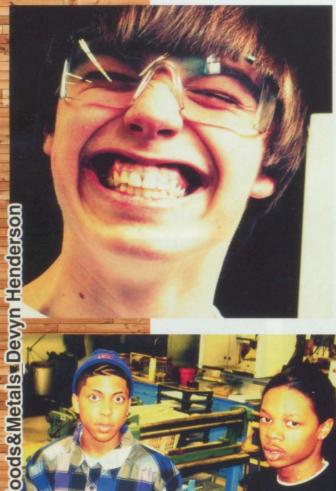


Econ teacher Edward Diaz helps junior Aaron Homard with his test. This is Diaz's first year as a teacher. "I think I have learned a lot this lear and because of that I'd consider it successful," Diaz said.

Junior Luis Sanchez (top) looks over his test before he turns it in. Senior Kathryn LeRoy (above) listens to music during her test.



Junior Zach Klever (below) smiles for the camera. Sophomore Nicolos Fields and freshman Etien Luna (bottom left) are caught off-guard during metals class. Sophomore Armin Mesinovic and Junior Zach Klever (bottom right) hang out with teacher Jeff Jansen.



Woods and metals are classes of opportunity. Not many fully understand the benefits these classes have to offer.

Some students, like senior Quin Gooch, a metals student are taking the class as something fun to do.

Gooch said that talking makes the class fun, as well as "learning how to weld" and "making useful projects" the students can either keep or sell.

Some of the projects woods and metal students work on throughout the year are tool boxes, secret compartment boxes, ball peen hammers and craftsman tables.

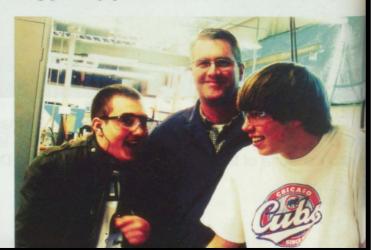
Senior Brad Kimball is currently in his second year taking woods. The class is teaching him life lessons as well as woodworking techniques. Kimball said that although the cla is just a hobby, he enjoys the class because it "just calms (him)... You learn how to problem solve and can visualize h things are put together".

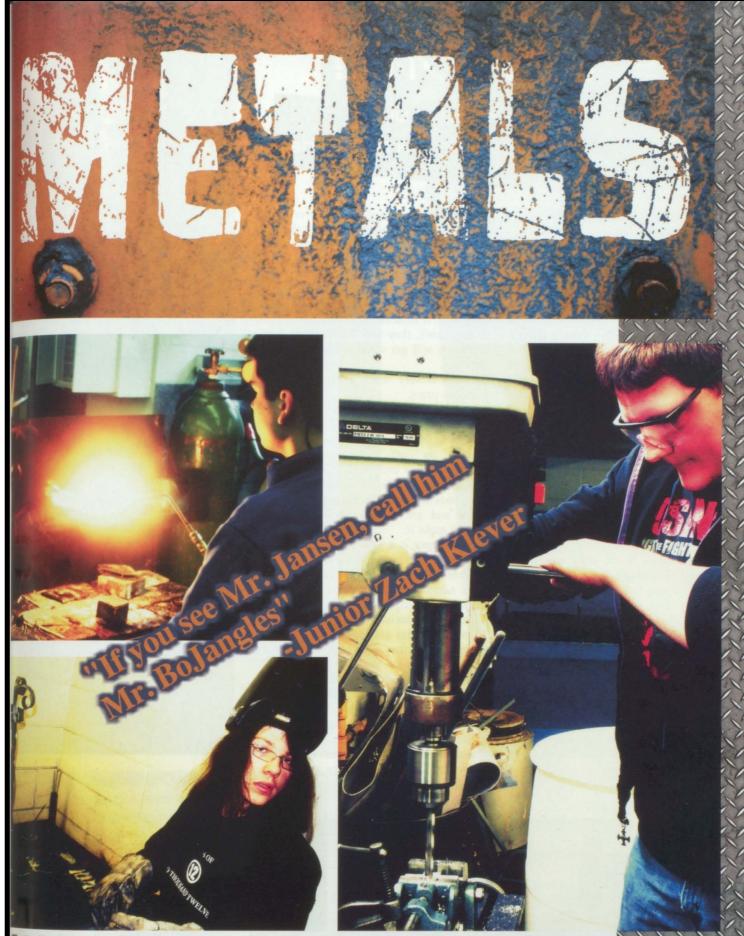
Woods teacher Jeff Jansen, currently in his 18th year of teaching, said that "watching the kids succeed" is what kee him coming back each year.

"A lot of students who want to go into constructions will want to take this class," Jansen said. He hopes his students will learn "everything about industry," as well as "a lot of knowledge about different woodworking techniques."

To some, woods and metals is a fun, interesting class to take. To others, it is a helpful hobby. And to a few, it could even be a future career. But whether you're going into industry tech or just like creating things with your hands, it's something you enjoy," said Kimball, "Take the class!"







A student (top) welds together a box. In the welding room, sophomore Ben Phillips (bottom left) works on completing his project. Senior Andrew Lamb (above right) operates a drill press, one of the many different machines used in Industrial Technology classes.

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IT'S TOO LATE!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
YOU MISS A DEADLINE

Newspaper is a class based solely upon making deadlines. It is not only a class, but also an extracurricular activity. A lot of time and effort goes into the newspaper.

"We usually have something to do every day. It doesn't really get out of hand this year with a smaller staff. It is people who actually care," senior Tanner Buckley said.

He is the entertainment editor for *The Challenger*, Hoover's newspaper. At eight pages, it comes out every two weeks, covering all the different things that go on throughout the school year.

The newspaper staff meets for class on gold days, block two. Senior Edward Rodriguez is the editor in chief and is in charge.

Senior Kira Herron said, "Due to how organized Edward is, we have been very organized in getting deadlines done."

Since Herron is the chief illustrator, she only has one deadline which is when photos are due. Her job on staff is a little different. She is in charge of all the artwork for the newspaper including photos and illustrations.

"I have the ability to be more creative with the things I do," Herron said.

She is told what the story is but then comes up with her own ideas.

Sophomore Heaven Slye was sports editor. She was not actually in the newspaper class because she attends Central Academy all day, but came in after school to receive assignments and check in a lot.

She said she has deadlines every other day, "unless [we are] working for the final design; [we] have days for working on it."

"If you miss a deadline, you get no points; it's an automatic zero. It's easy to lose a letter grade," Slye said.

The class is based completely on deadlines; if students meet them, they pass; if they don't, they fail. Missing too many deadlines will get students dismissed from the class.

There is a very small staff compared to previous years.

"Last year, there were two editors. There is a smaller staff this year. Each person is assigned a lot more," Buckley said.

To be on staff students need to take journalism as a prerequisite. This is a one semester class offered to all students. If they pass this class with a good enough grade and are a hard worker, they can usually make it.

Newspaper is a year-long course which consists of stories, pictures and deadlines. Students in newspaper leave class a lot.

"We normally do interviews, pictures and sell ads on ad day," Slye said.

'Ad day' includes the whole staff spending the day going to local businesses asking them if they want to put an ad in the newspaper.

"It's kind of easy because people are in and out of the room doing interviews or on the computers," Herron said.

Newspaper is a deadline-oriented class requiring a lot of time, effort, and organization. The staff meets deadlines every day to try and produce a newspaper that students will take the time to read.

The Challenger Board where the staff posts their pages as they complete them.



The Challenger staff (above) sits at the computers and works on their page designs.

Editor in Chief Edward Rodriguez (right) evaluates Chief Illustrator Kira Herron.







Fast Facts

About the Hoover Challenger

Meet: Gold Days 2nd Block

Prerequisite: Journalism

Teacher: Pilcher

Editor: Edward Rodriquez

Staff: Kira Herron
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Payton Quinn
Tanner Buckley
Jason Reichenbacher
Michael Roby
Erik Hoffman
Aleksandra Vujicic
Heaven Slye
Katie Steingrabe

The Challenger won the George Gallup Award this year.

Where can YOU get one?

From most teachers or the stand in the library. Check back every two weeks!

Newspaper_Kylie Van Houten 101

A NEW YEAR





Senior Stephanie Daughenbaugh is in family and consumer science (FACS) teacher Keresten Conn's class. While her relationship classmates work on making cupcakes, she works on finishing the final touches on her wedding project.

Something in the family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes has changed: a new class has been added.

FACS Danielle Taylor is now teaching relationships. The class teaches the students about the different kinds of relationships, from friendships to the olden years, and everything in between.

"The tests are the hardest part in the class, but it's easy to listen to the group talk about topics in the class," senior Robert Dory said.

Dory likes the class, but sometimes he thinks it can be boring. But he admits he's developed life knowledge.

With family and consumer science FACS classes, some may think many of the classes are for girls only. In Dory's relationships class, there are only five guys, and more than 10 girls.

"It doesn't bother me: boy, girl, people are people. They should take the class," Dory said.

"I think it's cool that they are learning what it's like for us girls, and what we go through during pregnancies," junior Amber Trimble said.

Trimble didn't like watching the birth video of the baby being born but she does like learning about how it's developed and the production of the baby.

In child development students learn about the genetics, how babies are developed, and what it takes to make a baby. Many people seem to take that class to take the electronic baby with them, so they can see what it takes to take care of a baby and see how hard or easy it is for them.

Both Dory and Trimble said that they would take another FACS class if they had the options. There are many different FACS classes including cooking, sewing, relationships and child development. So there's lot of classes for people to choose from.

"I learned that you have to be patient with kids, and how to take care of them," Trimble said.

Dory also has learned new things from this new class.

"I've learned the 'H' rule. Any disease that starts with an 'H. isn't curable, and you have it for life," Dory said.

Trimble also thinks her teacher is very energetic, pretty, cod and nice.

"Being a parent at this age is really difficult, and I give propt to the people who are doing it," Trimble said.

S TECHNOLOGY THE FUTURE?

Students work hard and learn about general business.





Freshman Taylor Ross (top) is in business teacher Judy Renoux's room. Ross is working on a researching project. Ross enjoyed the class. Freshman Bihn Le (above) is in Renoux's room for computers. Le is asking Renoux for help. Le takes Renoux's general business class.

Freshman Matt Pudans takes general business. Pudans is planning on going into business when he graduates, because he likes it and it makes good money.

"You learn a lot about the economy and how to change it," Pudans said.

General business class also teaches students a lot about how to manage their money; the class writes some papers for big projects.

"(Business teacher) Jacob Welchans is a nice and good teacher because he explains things really well and he get to the point," Pudans said.

However the easiest part about the class is the book work; they don't earn a college credit for the class.

"We write papers on money management," Pudans said.

Sophomore Brooke Mericle is thinking about going into business but isn't 100 percent sure yet.

"If I went into business, I would want to do design, because it seems like a really fun and entertaining job; it just would be fun," Mericle said. In class they work a lot with Excel and spread sheets, and they also do a lot of book work.

"If I had the choice, I wouldn't do as much book work, but I don't find the class hard; it gets boring," Mericle said.

Mericle didn't really have the choice to take business class, she just got put into it.

"It is an easy class," Mericle said.

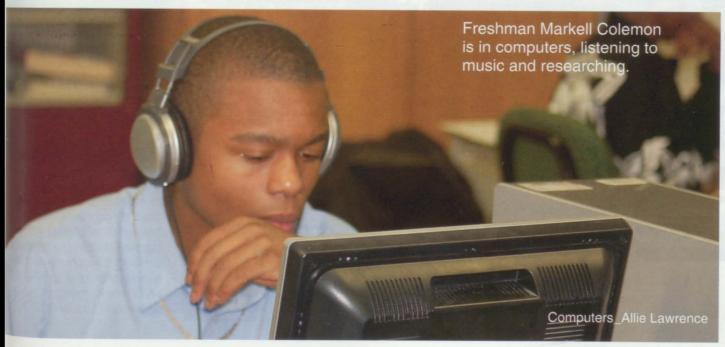
Some people have different interest in different classes, but some people enjoy the class too, business can be interesting for some people.

"I think that graphic design would be something i would want to do for the rest of my life," senior Liz McInroy said.

McInroy said she enjoys the class and is planning on going into graphic design after graduation. Welchans is McInroy's teacher.

"He is nice," McInroy said. "He knows how to do things really well so when you ask for help he knows what to do."

"The hardest thing about the class is having to go through all the steps, because there are a lot," McInroy said.



THINGS TO GET PREP ARED FOR THE BIG TRIP

Practice all the music



Get your passport



Getting H1N1 shot



Packing



Transferring American money into yen.



FROM BEGINNING TO THE END

JOURNEY TO JAPA

Road trip! The band decided that they should take a trip to Japan, traveling to play in a concert with another school in Japan. They packed their bags to catch the plane Mar.10, but there were more things that need to be prepared for the long journey.

"Pack, get passport, get H1N1 shot, get American money transfered into yen, and last but not least come to school Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m. and practice the music we are going to play at the concert," junior Jocelyn Merino said.

Merino plays the flute and has been in band for all of high school and she plans on playing her senior year as well. Merino decided that she wanted to go on the trip to Japan and prepared herself for the plane ride.

The trip cost around \$2000 for the plane ticket. But Merino also planned on shopping and eating in Japan as well. Merino also planned on meeting new people and seeing new customs while being in Japan.

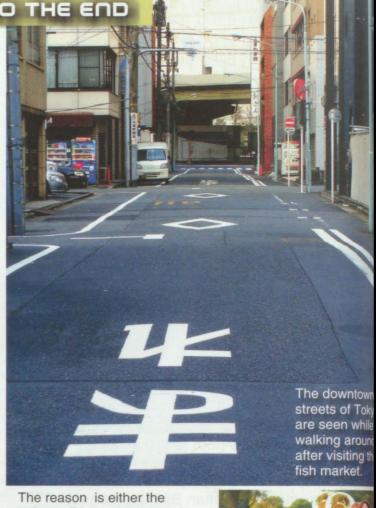
"I expect the plane ride to be long," Merino said.

Sophomore Thayne Henderson plays the tuba and has been playing the tuba since he was in fifth grade.

"The reason why I wanted to be in band was back in fifth grade all my friends were joining band and telling me how awesome it was and it made me want to play. Another reason why I wanted to play the tuba was because it's HUGE!" Henderson said.

On the agenda was sight seeing, playing in the Japan concert with the Japanese school and their music, and then going home. Places that the band went included a sister school which was the school that they performed with at the concert, the biggest fish market in the world, the largest electronic store and shopping in Tokyo.

Unfortunately, "about 60 percent of the whole band will not be going on the trip," Henderson said.



The reason is either the students didn't want to travel or couldn't afford the ticket the other expenses. But it didn't affect how the band played. More stressfully, they performed in front of many people they don't know in another country way out of their comfort zone.

"But all together, I think that we will play well from all the practice that we have and the confidence we will perform great, and I think that Japan is going to be amazing!" Merino said.







Marching band (top) practices in the early morning on the track. The banner of the sister school (above) before playing in the concert. The concert at the sister school (left) right before performing with the sisterhood students.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC...

practice is what makes perfect.

Sophomore Samuel Bourland is in orchestra. Bourland has been playing the violin for a year and half, and enjoys the violin. Junior John Joy and Bourland have grown up with each other.

"It gets annoying to hear them learning how to play when they don't know how to," Joy said.

"He works hard and commits to playing the violin," Joy said.

Orchestra played at the fine Arts Gala, and travelled to KCCI-TV to play on live.

Orchestra can teach students a lot of skills like fingering and rhythm. Bourland got involved with the violin because it sounded cool. Orchestra plays different types of music.

"I will probably play the violin by myself after I graduate, but I'm not quite sure if I will play in an orchestra," Bourland said. Bourland is also involved in the youth group band. Bourlands father, Mike, is pretty supportive of what he wants and chooses to do.

"I would say that he works hard and practices a lot," Mike said.

"The hardest part is to stay on beat and not to get lost," Bourland said.

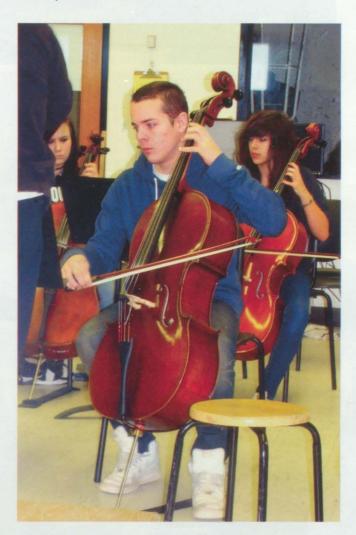
Sophomore Matt Andorf and Bourland have been good friends for a long time.

"He enjoys playing the violin" Andorf said.

The violin is a string instrument with four strings, usually tuned in perfect fifths. It is the smallest and highest-pitched member of the violin family of string instruments, which also includes the viola and cello.



The orchestra class (above) practices their music for the concert. They have practice every day the first part of first block. They also performed at KCCI-TV news.



Senior Micheal Neal plays the cello. The cello is the second largest bowed string instrument in orchestra. It has a deeper sound tone to it.



The orchestra is getting ready for their concert. They work hard on their music to make it sound good and have fun playing. The orchestra played at the Fine Arts Gala.

You should know ...

Violin: The violin is a string instrument with four strings usually tuned in perfect fifths. It is the smallest and highest-pitched member of the violin family of string instruments, which also includes the viola and cello.

Viola: The viola is really simalar to the violin but it is a darker color and it is deeper in tone.

Sedina Imsirovic_Vocal Music

A TUNE IN ON MUSIC

New changes to the music class







Students (above) practice songs during Chamber Choir, including doing voice exercises while music teacher Anna Wolf acompanies them on the piano.

For awhile now, the vocal music department has been using half classes for people. Basically, they have vocal music for half of the class period, every day.

"It works out for the kids who have it, but I don't have it," junior Alyssa Dickhoff said.

Freshman Daniela Pirel agreed with Dickhoff.

"I like it. I don't always feel like singing everyday, so the half classes make it a lot easier and better," Pirel said.

Practice makes perfect in vocal music. The more students practice, the better they get. They have to take it seriously if they want to go somewhere with it.

"I put in my own practice quite a bit. I like to practice three or four times a week outside of school," Dickhoff said.

Some people join music because of their love of singing, and it's a passion for them. Others get asked to be in the class like Pirel. But for Dickhoff it's a different story.

"I've been in vocal music since I was in elementary school. So I just decided to stick with it. I'll be majoring it in college," Dickhoff said.

Vocal music class is very small because most people don't really want to join it.

"More people should join the class. You really get to learn some good songs, and you learn about different cultures and their music styles," Pirel said.

Dickhoff would like to see people work harder in class to get more things accomplished like songs. She also wishes more people would get involved in vocal music in the future.

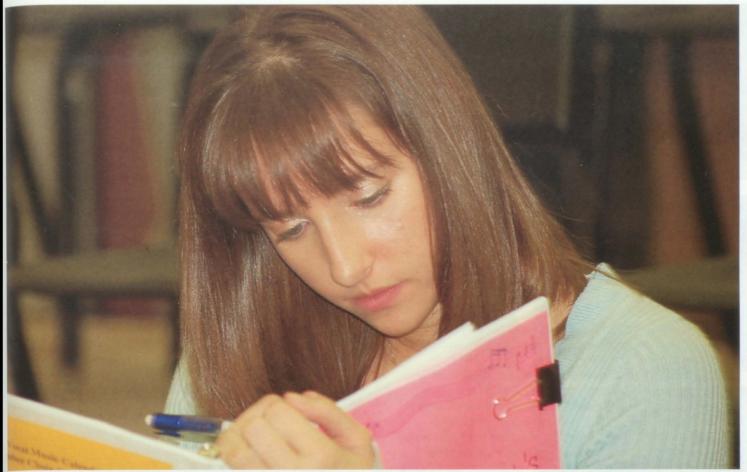
"I don't think I'd change anything really. They do cool stuff in class. And I like learning about other cultures. Also I like the songs," Pirel said.

Being in vocal music means having concerts. There are many different things to sing. Like solo, to with the class.

"I have sung a solo in the last contest. I sang 'Don't Forget about the Boy," Dickhoff said.

Pirel encouraged others to give it a try.

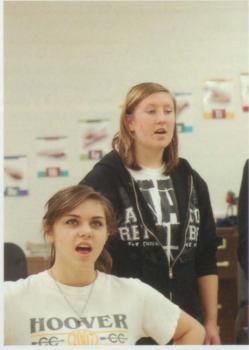
"You should really go out for music! You'd be surprised how fun it is," Pirel said.



Junior Alyssa Dickhoff (above) looks over her music to learn a new song. Dickhoff plans on majoring in vocal music in college.



Vocal music teacher Anna Wolf (above) plays the piano and sings along with the class.



Senior Elizabeth Elliott and junior Kristine Chambers sing along with their class.



Seniors Kathleen Hawks, Allison O'Braza and junior Mittzi Castellanos look over a song that they have to sing, and practice it.

PEOPEL AND P.E.

Some students prefer Physical Education Program for Exceptional Learners (PEOPEL) P.E. over regular physical education classes.

"I like PEOPEL P.E. better than regular P.E. because you get to work with kids that can't work on their own," senior Johnelle Mozee said. "This class you actually get to see everyone happy and everyone participating. People expect me to laugh at kids with disabilities but they don't really know me," Mozee said.

"Everyone likes to have fun and just because it's a separate class doesn't mean we don't do the same activities," Mozee said.

But sophomore Shaquille Scheuermann disagreed with Mozee and wouldn't want to join PEOPEL P.E.

"I like P.E. because it gives people time to let off steam." Scheuermann said. "I'm glad to have gym in school because it's healthy for people to exercise but I just wish the teachers would calm down because they can trip sometimes," Scheuermann said.

"I don't take PEOPEL P.E. but I think it's cool. I think people who are in PEOPEL P.E feel better in that class because they like to help other students but I wouldn't want to switch." Scheuermann said.

However, senior Tyler Peeler disagreed with Scheuermann and would join it if he could.

"I don't have gym because I go to central but I wish I did," Peeler said. "When I did have gym, we didn't do enough conditioning, all we did was play games and I think it should be switched around. I like gym because it gives people activity and a chance for people to have some kind of activity if they don't," Peeler said.

"I like the fact that they have PEOPEL P.E. because it's more oriented towards the kids with abilities. I like the fact that kids go in there and work with them and I would be willing to go in there and help but I can't because of Central (Campus)," Peeler said.

Senior LaTasha Porte agreed with Peeler and actually joined it.

"I like this class because I get to work with different kinds of kids with disabilities," Porte said. "We do the same activities as regular P.E. but we don't rush into things we just do it at our own paste. You have to have patience because you can't get irritated or mad easily," Porte said. "If you don't think you fit in regular P.E. then you should join PEOPEL P.E. but don't just join it because you think it's and easy grade, join it because you actually want to help," Porte

Sophomore Cameron Woods thinks that regular P.E. is fit for him.

"I think gym is fun and I like how the class is split up like one half of the class goes into the weight room and the other class goes and plays games," Woods said. "I choose to go into the weight room first because I don't have the time to lift weights after school so I get my work out in P.E. Sometimes gym can be boring because we play boring games and sometimes because people don't want to participate in gym," Woods said.

"I think that people change to go to PEOPEL P.E. because they don't want to participate in regular P.E. and they think it's easier. I wouldn't mind switching and helping but I would rather stay in my P.E. I just think it's fit for me," Woods said.

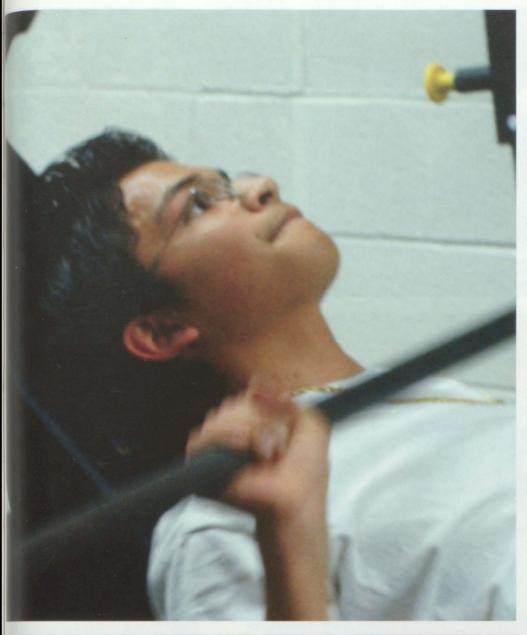


Freshman Jeremy Padilla and senior Alyssa Gourd play paddleball. "Everyone is so positive and as long as you try you hardest, nobody looks down on you," Gourd said.



Senior Jesse Peterson tries dribbling the ball past senior Zachery Linn while playing Ultimate Basketball.

Sierra Goodson and PEOPEL P.E. Ш



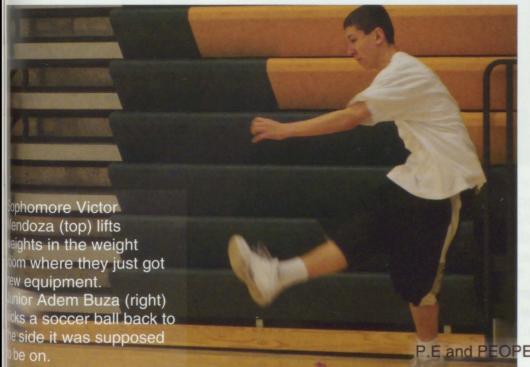












P.E and PEOPEL P.E._ Sierra Goodson 109

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Sophomore Katrese Washington and English Language Learner (ELL) teacher Alyssa Wensel (top left) make valentine cards for best buddies. Senior Nyatichiot Koat and junior DaeNeen Green (top right) dance during halftime with the rest of the step team at a basketball game. Sophomore Indira Sheumaker and junior Logan Sanders (above) practice their part in the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) skit for the diversity assembly. "Preparing for the diversity assembly was very fun. The whole experience was very enjoyable," Sheumaker said. "GSA has helped me build up the nerves to tell people how I feel about them saying offensive things, even when they don't mean it offensively. It's also opened me up to and informed me about the LGBT community in lowa." Sheumaker will be vice president of the GSA club next year.

Cappiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Gay Strait Alliance is making a difference in their community and the lives of others by promoting peace and equality for all.



HIRA HERRON

Senior

"GSA is such a great experience; you get to meet people with the same views as yourself, and have fun while changing things at the same time"

LOGAN SANDERS

Junior

"Being in GSA is awesome. Everyone is really committed, and it's definitely rewarding to know that we're making a difference"



Devyn Henderson_GSA

STEPHEN BOATWRIGHT

Senior President

"GSA is a huge part of my life. It's something dedicated a good amount of time to, and it always pays off. We've done so much, and believe we have really impacted the school and the community"

"They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself" -Andy Warhol

Gay Strait Alliance (GSA) became an after school activity in 2006. The club's purpose is to bring harmony and promote understanding and acceptance between the Gay/Lesbian and Straight communities. Students meet once a week to discuss upcoming events and to plan fun, educational outings in the community.

Senior Stephen Boatwright is the President of GSA, and helped start the original middle school GSA club as an eighth grader. As president, Boatwright encourages people to get involved, and he himself gets involved in the school and community, by speaking at public events, and attenting protests and movements around the state.

"Getting involved with the community is my favorite part of GSA"
Boatwright said. "It gets us out in the open, and shows the public what we're really about."

Junior Amber Trimbal said her favorite part of GSA was "meeting new people. You get to hear their stories." Trimbal has been a member of GSA for 5 years, and has attended almost every protest and event.

"They are really fun and I don't see any reason not to go," Trimble said.

Boatwright attends many events every year, and encourages people to attend them as well.

"It's incrediby empowering, and gives you essetial leadership skilss"
Boatwright said. Boatwright has spoken at colleges, and once a month
he teaches a workshop. Senior Kira Herron said that Stephen was her
favorite part of GSA. "He works harder then anyone else."

However, even with all the support from the school and community, the members of GSA said that they could always use more.

"It would be really nice to have a lot more people from our school come to the meetings and get involved," Herron said.

"It's really fun and a cool experience," Trimble said. "I tell all of my friends how fun it is."

There are normally only seven to 10 people that attend the meeting, but "there are new faces every year," Boatwright said. "Hopefully more people will continue to come, because it truly is amazing what we are doing in the school and community."

Boatwright plans on continuing his involvement in GSA after high school. "I love how it feels to be a part of a movement" Boatwright said "and I support the cause."

GSA is an innovative, open minded club that is making things happen and chaning their community. They are making a difference, and encourage everyone to join so that they can make a difference too.

"None of us are eual," Boatwright said "until all of us are equal."

(From Top) Sophomore Logun Buckley and senior Stephen Boatwright participate in one of the many activities and discussions that happen at GSA meetings. Senior Ajla Kapic (Below) and junior Amber Trimble read a script together. Sophomores Katie Steingrabe and Indira Shuemaker and junior Amber Trimble participate in an activity. Sophomore Indira Shuemaker (Bottom) and senior Stephen Boatwright do something productive during a GSA meeting, Meetings this year were held on Tuesdays.











Senior Justina Kruse leads a train of people during the Best Buddies Prom. The prom was held at Urbandale High School. This was the first Best Buddies Prom.



Seniors John Preston and Matthew Dicks pose for a picture after winning "prom king" for the Hoover chapter. Two people were nominated from each school to be crowned as king or queen.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE Best Buddies builds social skills that will last

Best Buddies is a program set up for special needs students to become friends and fit in with other students. They do various activities to get the kids involved.

Junior Julius Robinson is the longest Best Buddies member at Hoover. He has been involved in it since sixth grade. He likes Best Buddies and thinks it would be easy for other people to like it.

"They make you like it; your opinion counts and matters," Robinson said.

Best Buddies advisor Cindy Grandquist strongly believes in the program, and she also thinks very highly of Robinson.

"Julius is a very nice kid, he is very secure and puts a lot of effort into it," Grandquist said. "He's a lot of fun and I really enjoy him,"

The Best Buddies officers are each given a buddy that they pair up with, their job is to make an effort to develop a friendship. Robinson's buddy is senior Kylie Van Houten. Van Houten is the secretary of Best Buddies.

"I didn't really know Julius until a year or two ago," Van Houten said. "He seems to be one of the most outgoing of the bunch. I always see him smiling and laughing with someone."

Best Buddies participates in many activities such as Octoberfest, Pennies for Patients, game lunches and an end of the year party. This year they have two new activities, they will have a Best Buddies Prom, and they will also campaign to "end the 'R' word".

Robinson remembers doing a lot more activities when he was younger, he thinks it has to do with the budget cuts.

"We used to go skating, and do more outdoor stuff, we don't do as much now because of the budget," Robinson said. Robinson thinks Best buddies will not only help him now but also in the future. Grandquist is able to see that in a lot of her former members.

"I see things differently," Robinson said.

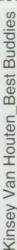
"You learn to work with other people and hear other's opinions," he said.

"It helps them socially," Grandquist said.

"It breaks down barriers and helps make them feel more comfortable interacting with people after high school," she said.

Grandquist, Robinson and Van Houten all agree that Best Buddies is a great program to get involved in.

"The kids who are in self-contained classes for extra support get left out of the social function," Grandquist said. "The buddies put a lot of time and effort into developing friendships. It teaches special needs kids they belong, but it also teaches other kids that they can approach them."











Sophomore Michael Bredbeck and senior John Preston dance at the Best Buddies Prom. Preston was crowned king for the Hoover chapter of Best Buddies.

Get Involved

When do they meet? Chapter meetings are once a month.

What are the activities they do?

Octoberfest, Friendship Frolic, Best Buddies Prom, Pennies for Patients, Game Lunches, End the "R" word campaign.

Who are the officers?

Co-Presidents: Emily Dungan and Kiana Rope Vice President: Katie King Secretary: Kylie Van Houten Treasurer: Elizabeth Rodriguez

"Anybody who thinks they could have a positive impact on someone's life, look at joining Best Buddies," Advisor Cindy Grandquist said.

DIVERSITY: MORE MEANING THIS

YEAR

With so much culture and differentiation. students will be prepared for the future.

> When people think of diversity they may think of only race and culture. But the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is doing their part in bringing diversity to the assembly. Yes, sexual orientation is part of diversity.

Senior Stephen Boatwright, GSA president, decided that this was the year for GSA to do their part in the assembly doing two skits. He felt that diversity has to do with many more things then just race and culture.

"I hope it shows them that we are present in the community and we want to be recognized as everyday citizens," Boatwright said. "I hope that they recognize that we are at Hoover and we do want to be respected.

The purpose of the assembly is based around teaching students that all these people in school and all these backgrounds exist, even if students don't even know about them.

"I think the purpose is to show all students different communities and groups of people that present at Hoover," Boatwright said

Sponsor and English teacher Jennifer Shiek is glad that GSA is performing in the assembly, because she feels the group is misunderstood around this school.

"Yeah, I am glad they are (performing), because they are a group that is misunderstood. They get to have something with the rest of the kind," Shiek said

When students walk away from this assembly, Shiek is hoping that they actually do learn something and will have enjoyed the performances.

"I hope it makes them more aware and understanding. I also want the students who are participating to be proud of who they are. It is scary to be the minority. So it is good to give them a chance," Shiek said.

Sophomore Hiba Angalo from the Sudan is performing for her second year wants to show people that her country is also represented at this school. She is doing a hip-hop African dance.

"Students will learn our dancing and how it is. Also how we dance and how it is different from hip hop here," Angalo said.

One of the most important things that students should get out of this is to share cultures and to know more about people who are in the hallways everyday.

"An important thing is having some ideas to show people that they will know about my culture. Also if they know about my culture they could just understand the differences," Angalo

Shiek feels that Hoover is a special school. Students get along so well no matter their culture, race, or orientation. This school is like its own little world.

"Hoover students are more open. You have to get along in this building because we are so diverse. Students will be more prepared for the future." Shiek



Junior Quan Truong (above) sang and danced at the assembly representing Vietnam.



Senior Stephen Boatwright and junior Logan Sanders from GSA tell the students about the use of the word "gay". This was GSA's first year in the diversity assembly.



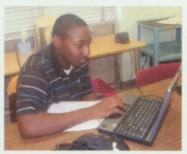
The Manics played at the diversity assembly representing America. Seniors Drew Davis, Parker Wolfe, Tanner Buckley and Jason Reichenbacher (above) bring on the pop.



In the dragon seniors Phuong Nguyen and Hieu Nguyen are dancing with the Buddha, junior Trieu Ly (above) and doing a typical Chinese dance.

THE GREAT DEBATERS









Sophomore Alisha Sutton

Sophomore Alisha Sutton, 16, has taken the semester-long debate class with teacher Sarah Hamilton.

"You can take debate at anytime and you can also take it in college," Sutton said.

Many think that debate and mock trial are the same thing. Although they are similar they are not the same.

"Mock trial is where you act or a trial and debate is where you conversate over a subject or a topic," Sutton said. "Our arguments go pretty well. We all talk at once and then we crossfire which is when two people take turns to discuss the other persons topic."

Junior Samantha Zepeda, who has been in debate for two years, gives details on what happens behind closed doors. She thinks that debate can help students in many different ways.

"Debate helps you because it gives you away to think of things and others opinions," Zepeda said. "In debate we go over four different types: Lincoln-Douglass, congress, public and exempt."

Just like the arguments in Suttons' class, the arguments in Zepeda's class tend to get a little heated.

"Our arguments tend to go from worst to good depending on how much thought was put into the topic," Zepeda said.

Some people find it hard to find a topic to debate on when it's really not all that hard.

"I don't think that it is hard to find a topic to debate on because the topic you pick is based on your opinion and everybody has an opinion, " Zepeda said.

Can your debate turn into an argument?

"Oh, yeah! Sometimes the arguments tend to get a little personal," Zepeda said.

Who is more of a debater, men or women?

"I think that women are more of a debater because they get more competitive." Zepeda said.

Assistant debate coach Billy Kirby said that "debate is taking topics and discussing the pros and cons. And mock trial is taking court cases and designing the defense and prosecution." Kirby said.

But he thinks that debate can also help students in ways some of us would have never quessed.

"Debate helps you with critical thinking skills, communication skills, and it also helps build your confidence," Kirby said.

Kirby said that if he could change anything, "I would get more students involved."



10T A GEEHY THICK!



Senior mock trial captain Andrew Woods has been a part of mock trial for while now, and he's willing to lead the team to victory. Cases are already made and given to each mock trial team.

Junior Samantha Zepeda gets tired of

Junior Samantha Zepeda gets tired of the reading and said there's a lot of work. She's been preparing herself since last summer.

"Mock trial starts early January through March; they look for anybody who has the love of arguing," Woods

"Mock trial shouldn't be considered as a geeky thing; it's just a mixture of people to compete. We're just big dysfunctional family," Zepeda said.

At the end there's one big trial, which lasts for an hour or two. Although there are not that many people in mock trial, allhigh school students may join mock trial.

"People have become more competitive towards the rich schools," Tepeda said. Mock trial meets on

Monday and Wednesday- Friday from 3-4:30 p.m. There are two captains, senior Katie Hawks and Woods. Family and friends come and watch them.

"We've gotten better commitment and our people have become more enthusiastic." Woods said.

Pretty much most of the trial is real, from judges, to witnesses, to the smallest thing as the clerk. There are less than 20 people in mock trial.

"We have great spiritual group of students, I think more should join," Gear Up advisor and coach Billy Kirby said.

"Girls are better at mock trial, I believe they carry themselves better they project their knowledge better," Woods said; Zepeda agreed.

"We are (better) because we're more serious, and just better at being completive," Zepeda said.

After Zepeda tried debate, head coach Sarah Hamilton inspired her to join mock trial. Now Zepeda tries to inspire freshmen.

"It's hard," Zepeda said. Our mock trial

The mock trial group (below) sits quitely and respectfully, not talking during the proceedings, which could result in a disqualification over something that could have been prevented.





team has about six witnesses. Because of our commitment and enthusiasm we have a good chance of winning this year," Zepeda said.

"I would like to go up against Valley High School, we've had a rivalry against them and it'll be nice to beat them," Woods said. "The difference between mock trial and debate is not only do you get to argue factual cases you get to act," according to Zepeda and Woods. Let's go out here and take the whole thing, with ambition.



Andrew Woods



Samantha Zepeda



Billy Kirby

STEP TEAM 101 WHAT IT TAKES

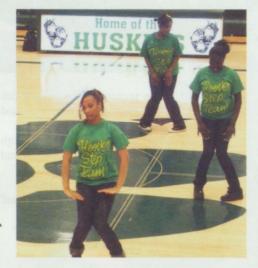
Step Team is still going strong and gaining new members. The team has cut back on performances, however, they keep practicing hard for their two performances. They perform at the halftime of varsity boys and girls games. In the past they have performed at *I'll Make Me a World* at the Historical Building, and pep assemblies.

The team has a coach but is still very independent, and works to make up choreography on their own at practices. They all put in their input to come up with the routines they perform, although sometimes it's not so easy with everyone having their own opinion and style. Practices consist of making up the routines, going over old routines, fixing them and coming up with the songs and outfits.

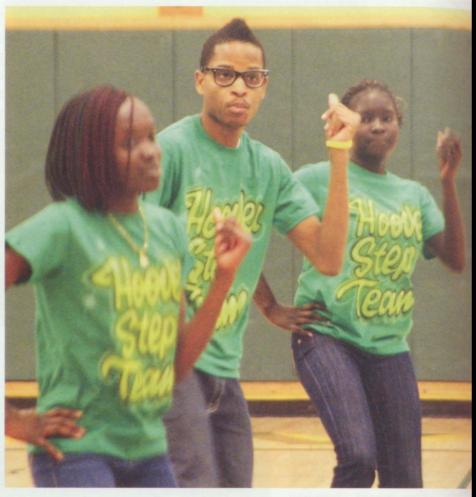
"I enjoy the team because I like to dance and perform for my peers," said junior Trayveon Lewis.

To be on the Step Team students have to try-out. Junior DaeNeen Green has been on the team for three years now and still enjoys doing it.

"It's something new and fun to do", Green said. "My favorite memory was my first performance when I was a freshman at the fall sports assembly when we had drummers."



Juniors Darian Stevens, DaeNeen Green and Nyatichiot Koat show their stuff during a performance.



Senior Nyawarca Yien, junior Trayveon Lewis and senior Nyatichiot Koat (above) perform at the half time of the girls basketball game vs. Roosevelt Feb. 12.



Juniors Darian Stevens and Treyveon Lewis (above) perform during halftime. Lewis has been on the step team for two years; Stevens, along with senior Q'iana McCurn are the captains.

HUSHIES AGAINST CANCER

A CLUB FOR A CAUSE



Girls varsity basketball coach and P.E. teacher Haywood Boston, 56, has been a coach for 30 years. He has been a part of Hoover girls basketball for 22 years.

But something happened this

season that made it different than all the rest. This season, Boston was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"When they told me I had cancer, I had so many thoughts going through my head at once. I thought, 'I've always been a health conscious person, how could this happen to me?' At first I was shocked, and I thought about the chance of death. But then I just tried to stay positive and not let it get me down," Boston said.

At the end of the last school year, in late June, Boston went in to the hospital for a routine check up for his ongoing back problems. When the doctors looked at his MRI results, it showed that his prostate was not enlarged, but when a biopsy was done, a procedure where a piece of tissue is taken out and looked at, showed that his prostate was 20 percent cancerous.

After being told his diagnosis, a big concern of his was the family. About a week after Boston found out about his cancer, he told the kids they needed to be at dinner that night. While having everyone gathered around the table, he made the announcement to the kids.

Sophomore Olivia Boston, 15, was shocked. The news left her speechless. Her first thought was that she was going to lose her father.

"At first I was sad and scared. I was worried that he would die, and he would not be there for me anymore," Olivia Boston said.

Boston told his kids time and time again not to worry about him, that he's going to live till he's 100. He told them that they have a full life to live,

that they need to live it to the fullest, and to not worry about what happens to him.

The doctors first tried to get rid of the cancer by taking it out, but there were some complications. When they attempted to take out the cancerous part of his prostate, it spilled out into his stomach cavity.

"After the surgery, the doctor went up to my wife and said, prepare for the worst, we couldn't get it out," Boston said.

Since the doctors were unable to remove it, they wanted to put Boston on 4-5 months of radiation therapy, chemotherapy therapy, or both. But when they took another MRI, so they could schedule the therapy, they could not find any cancer at all. It seemed to have disappeared.

"I told the doctors that they may have brains and technology, but there is only one doctor out there, and that is God," Boston said.

Since he has been diagnosed, many things have changed in his life and around the house. When he asks his family to do something, they do it right away because they know it will make him feel better.

"I think this has made the family come closer together," said sophomore Olivia Boston, Haywood's daughter.

Boston still has not made a full recovery. He gained weight while he had cancer, which is opposite of what normally happens, and he still gets tired really easily.

"I honestly and truly do feel blessed," Boston said.

"I got into coaching because I love the game, and after I was done playing, I wanted to influence kids to get into it," Boston said.

Each new season is pretty much the same. You win some games, you lose some games. And there is always hard times to go through.

"The hardest thing about coaching is you have to put a lot of time and effort into what you do, and that's not easy," Boston said.

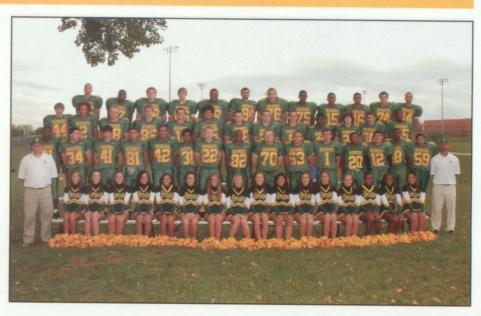




- * They meet every Monday during the second half of lunch.
- * The meetings usually last about 20 minutes.
- * Social science teacher Jason Danielson is the head of the group.
- * Their main goal is to raise awareness about cancer, and get sponsors to help find a cure.
- *Relay for Life is their biggest sponsor.
- *Relay for Life is an event where teams of people camp out over night at a park, high school, fairgrounds, etc. Someone from each team has to be walking around a track at all times, because cancer never sleeps, so they can't.



Varsity Football Front row: coach Tim Weida, sophomores Aliyah Hoskins, Katie Steingrabe, Jorin Augustine, seniors lordyn Kracht, Mariah Goodson, Katie King, Kylie Van Houten, Allison O'Braza, Mallory Stites, Ashley Neal, uniors Heather Valderama, Ashley Johnson, seniors Marisol Meza, LaCrechia Floyd, Tajya Cason, junior Shireena Taylor and coach Mitch Elbert. Second row: senior Kershon Wilson, juniors Adam Hawxby, Billy Rotza, seniors Anthony Johnson, Jordan O'Brien, juniors Drew ones, Nick Wilkerson, Johnny Floyd, senior Doug Meiners, junior Max Wissler, seniors Jesse Pererson, Michael Hart, junior Jose Sanchez, senior Jacolby Wright and junior Ezekiel Richardson. Third row: junior Zach Klever, senior Josh Johnson, juniors Austin Damm, John lov, senior Nate Clark, juniors Michael Weaver, Colby Robbins, senior Dana Delifield, junior Ben Markey, seniors Chris Dickson, Cody Dyer, junior Nathan Brown and Sean Coleman. Back row: senior Shane Kittrell, Brian Wheels, Andrew Lamb, John Neel, juniors Bralen Berry. Chris Bemisdarfer, Theo Evans, seniors Adrian Ridding, Derrick Earnest, Keith Onley, Jake Sullivan and junior hase Herron.





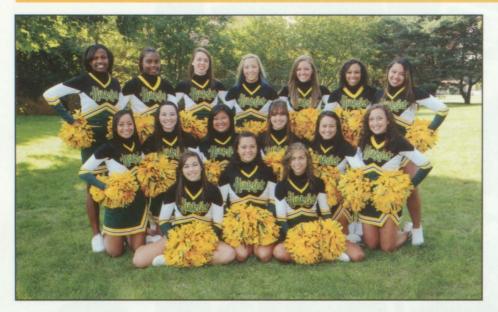
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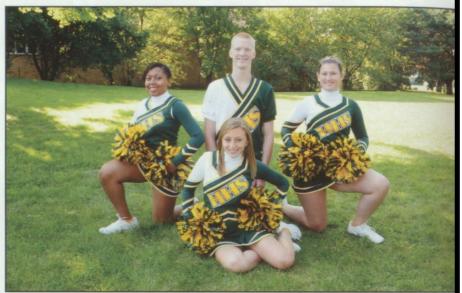
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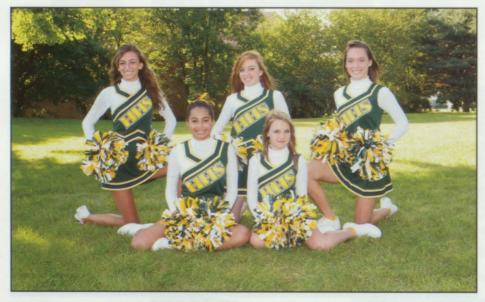




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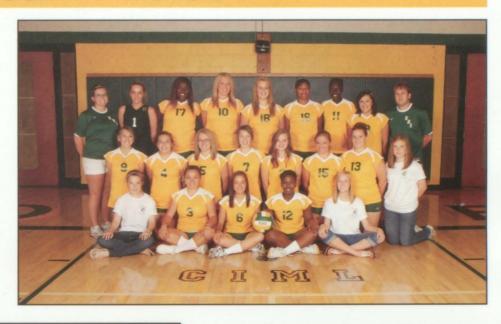
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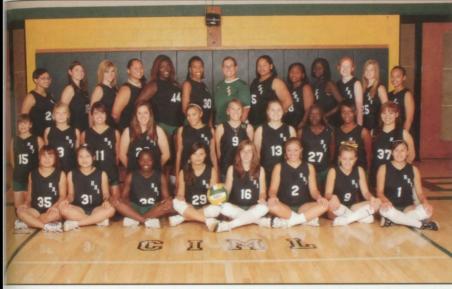




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Boys Golf Front row: juniors Jacob Brown, Jerod Smith, senior Zach Linn and freshman Tyler Gilbreth. Back row: seniors Charlie McInroy, Nick Hestbech, sophomore David Reierson and coach Steve Lundholm.

Boys Bowling Front row: junior Johnny Floyd, sophomores Cameron Vangundy, Ben Phillips, senior Niki McClain, sophomore David Reierson and junior JaSean Coleman. Back row: coach Steve Lundholm, seniors Joe Keiter, Ledonte Bradley, Josh Reeves, Michael Bell, Charlie McInroy, junior Graham Dawson and senior Tyler Peeler.





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Girls Varsity Basketball Front row: senior Elizabeth Rodriguez, junior Alyse Messa, sophomore McKenna Brown, junior Grace Phillips, senior Kylie Van Houten and sophomore Kinsey Van Houten. Back row: coaches Jason Kradios, Michael Brown, senior Amber Anderson, sophomore Sunday Duop, seniors Alexis Andrews, Alexandria Reif, Liza Brittain, LaCrechia Floyd, Charae Milliand coach Haywood Boston.

Girls JV Basketball Front row: juniors Alyse Messa, Karen Coleman, sophomores McKenna Brown, Takieyah Wells and freshman Rachel McPherson. Back row: coaches Jim Peterson, Jeff Fleming, freshman Natalie Clark, sophomore Kelley Riordan, senior LaCrechia Floyd, freshman Nyakat Diew, sophomore Sunday Duop, freshmen Savana Robinson, Randi McGregor and coach Kim Brittain.

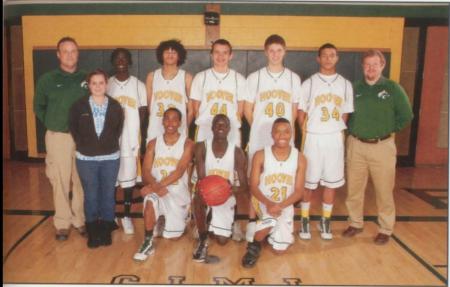




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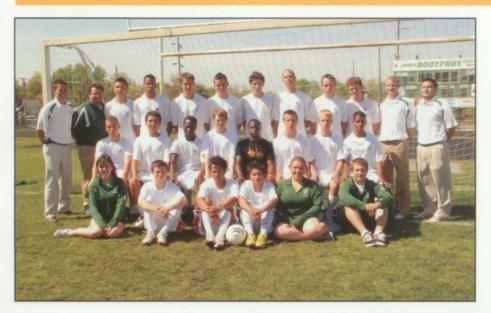




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Billy Rotza, Ally Onai, Nick Wilkerson,
Sam Duncan and Teneshia Donor.
Back row: coach Jeremey Reinhart,
seniors Cody Dyer, Derrick Earnest,
Alex Smith, juniors Ethan Olson, Nile
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Gabriel Valenzuela, sophomore Holden
Clark, freshmen Hamed Alic, Mateen
Mirzai and Hussein Abdullah. Back
row: coach Antonio Bellegante,
freshmen Salko Muftic, Tyler Gilbreath,
John Jordan, sophomores Sam
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Varsity Softball Front row: junior Devon Henderson, sophomore Britta Delafield, Junior Hannah Bixby and senior Kylie Van Houten. Middle row: junior Amanda Mount, freshman Rachel McPherson, Senior Amy Uhl, sophomores Jessica Schwarz, Kinsey Van Houten and senior Elizabeth Rodriguez. Back row: coaches Courtney Yacinich, Karie Van Houten, Junior Grace Philips, sophomores Breanna Rodriguez, Shyle Floyd, senior Sydney Johnson, freshmen Natalie Clark, Taylor Blackford, coaches Melissa Brinkman and Marty Van Houten.





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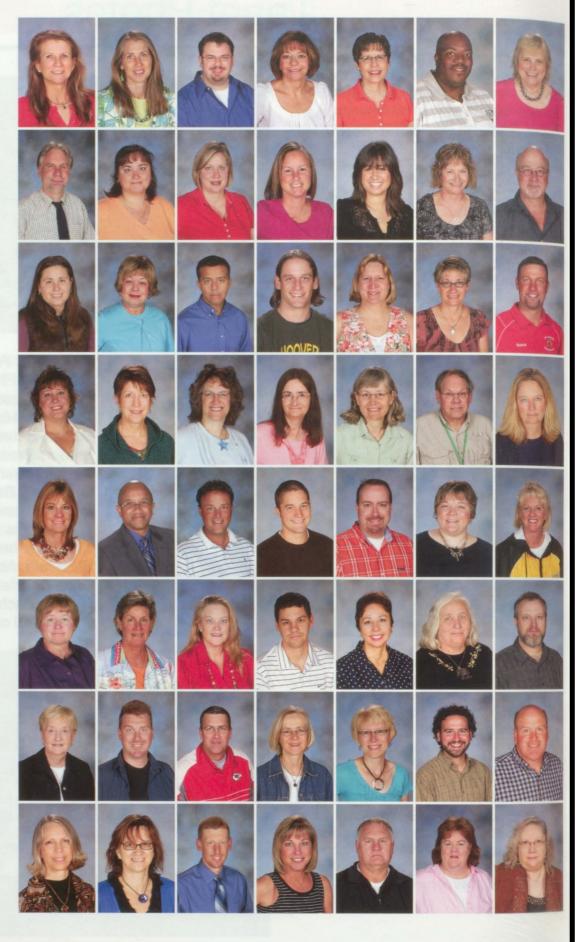
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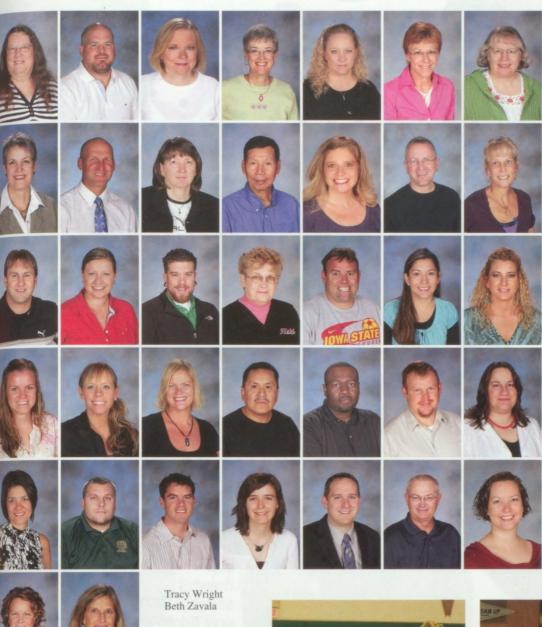
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Head basketball coach Courtney Henderson (far left) talks to the student body about coming to basketball games. Math teacher Josh Griffith (left) gets the class pumped up to win the spirit stick. Gear Up teacher Billy Kirby (above) smiles for the camera.



Josh Johnson and Quincy King grab the spirit stick after winning it during the Student of All Seasons assembly.



Jason Reichenbacher, Tanner Buckley and Drew Davis (left) have fun while taking pictures for their band, The Manics.



Alayna Bailey dances at the homecoming dance.



The senior section (below) at the homecoming assembly.

Alexandria Reif sits on the floor in between two volleyball games at a tournament.









Elizabeth Etter and Steven Boatwright (above) were picked for the homecoming court during the homecoming assembly.

John Preston and Anna Swan (below) during the winter play,

Get Smart.



Kira Herron and Edward Rodriguez (right) sing and dance at the homecoming dance.





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tournament.

SENIOR BOARD

THE ECONOMY TAKES A TOLL ON

FUNDRAISING

Senior Breakfast, Prom, senior gift. These are just a few of the things Senior Board is in charge of, and all of them require a lot of money. This also means a lot of fundraising by members as well as by classmates.

The most successful fundraiser this year was the Senior Auction. Fourteen seniors were auctioned off for a day of service. They followed their buyer around-carrying books, walking them to class, even some went to lunch.

"The Senior Auction was very successful and raised about \$300," senior Katie King said. King is the secretary for Senior Board.

Some other ideas Senior Board used for fundraising were selling carnations for Valentine's Day and a skating party for the school at Skate North Incrediroll.

"We tried to order wristbands but we got scammed. We ordered them but they never came in," senior Amy Uhl said. Uhl is Senior Board's treasurer. Senior Cody Sargent is the president of Senior Board. Sargent said they kept thinking of fundraising ideas but they got shot down and the economy made it hard. "I don't think there is really anything we could do [to improve fundraising]. We can't target students because they have no money and adults don't want to buy anything," Sargent said.

With the problems we've been having with the economy, fundraising was less effective. The three different things Senior Board tried brought in around \$600.

"We should start in the beginning of the year instead of last minute and go through with our ideas," King said.

With prom tickets being \$40 dollars again, it was still a good turn out.

"For seniors it's a once in a lifetime thing. I don't think prices really affected anything," Uhl said. Senior Board also organized salsa dancing for during prom. They had practices during homeroom to teach people the steps. It was something fun for the senior class to do. Prom was an all around good time.

"I think we did pretty well. There isn't much you do, it's the people that go that make the dance fun," Uhl said.

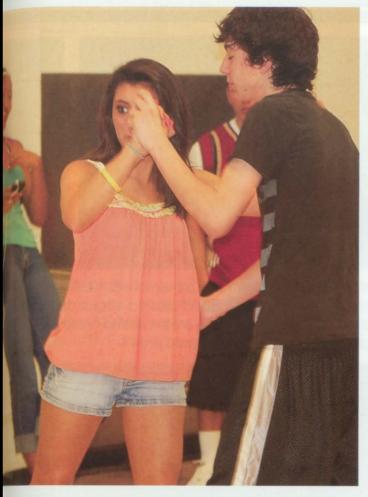






Senior Alexis Andrews (above) discusses the background for pictures at prom with a woman from Jolesch Photography.

Senior Board members
Cody Sargent, Alexis
Andrews, Katie King, and
Amy Uhl all pose for a
picture during prom. They
were in charge of all of the
decorations and setting up
for the dance.





Cody Sargent President



Alexis Andrews
Vice President



Katie King Secretary



Amy Uhl Treasurer





Senior Amy Uhl (top) teaches senior Jason
Reichenbacher and sophomore Breanna
Rodriguez how to do the salsa. This was a project
senior board put together for prom. Seniors Quincy
ling and Katie King (above) practice dancing the
salsa during homeroom.

FAST FACTS

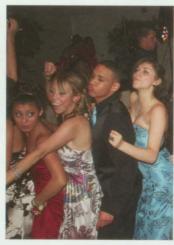
Mr. Green is the advisor.

Meet on Wednesdays during homeroom.

Made up of four seniors.

In charge of all things dealing with Seniors.











From left to right: Seniors Zach Linn and Madi Rothman slow dance together. Sophomore Breanna Rodriguez, senior Annie Bach, sophomore Nick Clark and Senior Elizabeth Elliott started a train during the dance. Seniors Jordyn Kracht and Michael Hart get close during a slow song. Seniors Juan Reyes, Raeshawn Davis, Kymberly Leothi, and Jordyn Kracht play a game of poker at post prom.

Save the Last Dance



Prom is supposed to be something people look forward to for years. People play it up to be the night of your life, something you mentally prepare for when you're only a freshman, that night you'll never forget. For some people that's what prom is, for others it's just another high school dance

Senior Cody Dyer spent little time preparing for his senior prom. He wasn't able to pick up his tux until the day before the dance.

"I asked my date (to prom) two weeks ahead of time," Dyer said. The day of the dance Dyer played in a baseball game, and then spent about an hour getting ready.

Senior Ashley Neal started her planning 3 or 4 months ahead of time, buying her dress 2 months ahead of time. She thinks she did a good job planning.

"A lot of people were stressing because they weren't ready or couldn't get a limo," Neal said.

Neal bought her dress from Stacey's Prom, there they write down what dress you get and will not sell the same style to anyone else at your school.

Compared to Neal, freshmen Sydney Sconiers wasn't prepared. Sconiers was not planning on going to prom since she is only a freshman, she was asked on the Wednesday before the dance.

"I wish I would've got asked sooner. I kind of wanted to say no but I wouldn't want someone to do that to me," Sconiers said

To Sconiers it was more like another school dance.

"I always wanted to go, I think it means more if you're a senior though," Sconiers said.

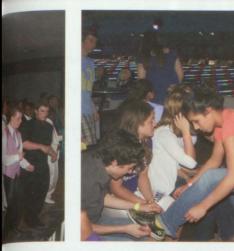
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With tickets being \$40 some people were thinking the dance would be a lot of fun, and were hoping it was worth the money.

"The dance wasn't as fun as I expected," Neal said.

"It was pretty fun, but I expected more out of it," Dyer said.

To some the night was special, and a dance they'll save forever in their memories.

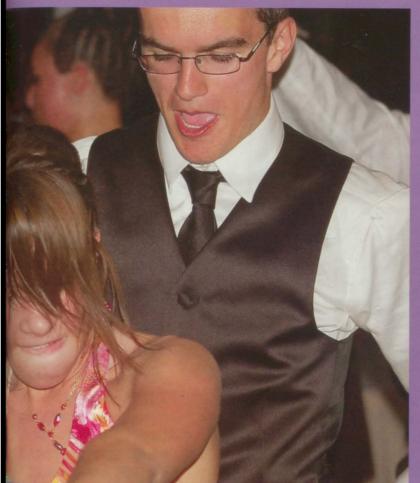








A group of seniors dance to the cupid shuffle together. Senior Jason Reichenbacher helps sophomore Breanna Rodriguez tie her shoe at post prom. Amir Malic and Alena Bacinovic dance together at prom. Senior Mallory Stites, junior Shandie Carson and senior Allison O'Braza get into the music at the dance. Senior Latasha Porte plays pool with alumni Tahaun Fountain, and senior Jordan O'Brien.



Seniors Kayleigh Wren and Haris Kovacevic (left) dance together at their prom. Wren's date was junior Devon Henderson and Kovacevic took sophomore Katie Steingrabe. Seniors Alayna Bailey and Josh Johnson (below) pose for a picture. During the dance they were crowned as prom king and queen.



Prom_Kinsey Van Houten & Sierra Goodson

Spring Break

CIAO!

Sydney Johnson got to travel a ways away for spring break this year. She traveled to Italy with her photography class at Central Campus.

"We are traveling to Venice, Rome, Florence and Milan," Johnson said.

One of Johnson's most memorable moments while there was when one of the local residents approached her.

"This old man kissed my hand, and we took pictures with him, then he kissed my hand again and walked away singing," Johnson said.

According to Johnson there is only one thing that she would change about the trip.

"I would change the food selection; it was always pasta with a red sauce, meat and tiramisu. It was good, but it was too repetitive," Johnson said.

Overall she thinks Italy was a successful trip and that she would go again for sure.

"I was ready to go back right after I got home, but if I do go back I'd go to Florence because it was the best!" Johnson said.

HONICHIW A

Every two years the band goes on a trip to somewhere fun. Two years ago they went to Cleveland, however they went to Des Moines' sister city of Kofu this year.

Sam Burt attended this trip. Overall he thought the trip was pretty interesting and said he'd definitely go again.

"The most interesting things were Tokyo tower, and the weird locals there. There was this one guy dressed up as Alice in Wonderland. It made us laugh," Burt said.

Burt's most memorable moment however, was the school related part of the trip.

"The concert was probably the most memorable moment for me because we actually did really well," Burt said.

Burt offers a word of advice for people that ever plan to travel to Japan in the future.

"The food was okay, however at one restaurant I learned that if it doesn't say how it's cooked, it's probably not cooked at all, so make sure you read the menu," Burt said.

FAMILY VACATIONS

Liza Brittain and her family go out of state almost every spring break. This year they went to Arizona where the highs were to be in the upper 80s and 90s all spring break.

"It's supposed to be nice enough that we can go shopping, swimming, walk the campus of Arizona University and watch spring baseball games," Brittain said.

The best thing about the trip for Liza wasn't just the activities she did, but the fact that she got to spend time with her family made her ecstatic.

"It was really nice to be able to spend time with my family. My brother, his girlfriend and my boyfriend were there so we had a lot of fun," Brittain said.

Brittain did more than she expected to do and leaves us with a little advice if we ever go to Phoenix.

"There is a mountain we climbed at night that looked over Phoenix, it was really cool. I'd recommend people to do the same if they ever go," Brittain said.



Sydney Johnson and friends take a picture with a street performer. Johnson did a lot of fundraising for this trip.



Liza Brittain and her mother Teresa Brittain sit on the couch in their rented house. They both did a lot of shopping while they were in Arizona.

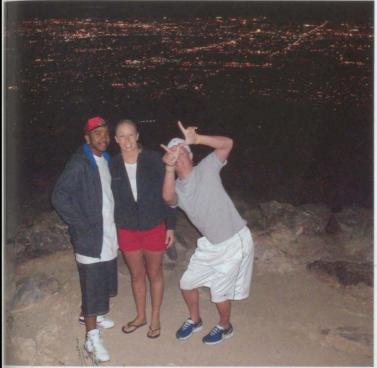


A half-dragon, half-fish statue in a Japanese garden. It is a common statue in Japan.



The Pantheon in Rome literally means "Every God." It is where the Italian government officials would meet when it was built.





Band students (top) take a group photo in Tokyo. The trip to go to Japan cost around \$1500. The inside of the Roman Coliseum (above right) is one of Romes biggest tourist attractions. It was once the Flavian Amphitheater. A Japanese cherry blossom bottom right) in Japan during spring. This is one of Japans most elegant and popular trees. Liza Brittain, Frank Irvin, and alumni Jeff Brittain (above) take a picture on a mountain in Phoenix. The Brittains rented a house in Chandler, AZ for the trip.





Spring Break Trips_Cody Sargent 143

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"If You Don't Know Where You Are Going, Any Road Will Get You There" -Lewis Carroll

Traditions are made to be followed. Every year it is tradition for the seniors to come to the senior Rodriguez said. "I think our class will be remembered for a long time. We just have good

pancake breakfast, where they are able to socialize and eat as many pancakes as they wish. That is tradition, and this year was no different. "Of course I came to the senior breakfast" Elizabeth Elliott said. "It's like the last chance you have to be a senior, and to do something as the senior class before graduation." Tradition also says that on the day of the breakfast, seniors do their annual senior prank. However, this year there was more than one senior prank. From cones spelling out 2010 in the front lawn on the first day of school to puns on the school's message board. the seniors have started their own traditions while raising the standards for classes to come. "We have a strong senior class" Elizabeth

And she's right. The class of 2010 brought many talents to the table. This class was full of dedicated athletes, musicians, volunteers and scholars. They were innovators, and often took things into their own hands. Together, they began their journey. Separately they will pursue their dreams. But forever, their memories will remain.

Like winning the State Basketball Tournament in 2006 and losing the powderpuff games two years in a row. Like the senior breakfast and senior gag awards, and all the traditions that go along with graduation.

"It's been a crazy year," Rodriguez said. "But it's been so much fun. Everything's been worth it.' "I found myself talking to people I never thought I would talk to before" Elliott said. "I'm sad to go, but excited at the same time. But I'll remember high school forever".

And Hoover will never forget the class of 2010.

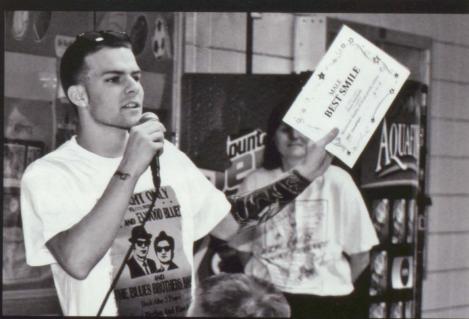
Sydney Johnson (top) smiles for the camera during the breakfast. Seniors (bottom) came in early to enjoy their last breakfast as seniors before graduation.

Senior Breakfast_Devyn Henderson









Michael Hart (top left) get his pancakes. Seniors (top right) wait in line as the cooks prepare pancakes. Kelly Reierson, Mallory Stites, and Kayleigh Wren (middle right) chill at the table. Bobbi Jo Pentico (bottom left) is also getting her pancakes. Dana Delafield (bottom right) receives the award for Best Smile, and thanks his mom.

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"Good evening, I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the class of two-thousand ten to our administrators, teachers, parents, family and friends. 'Together we began our journey, separately we will pursue our dreams, and forever our memories will remain'. This is our senior class motto that fits us perfectly as we narrow in on graduation and the official end of high school.

'Together we began our journey'. The majority of us started together at Hoover as freshmen back in August 2006. Just four short years ago we were young, naïve, and anxious to take on this new experience that we had previously idolized as middle schoolers. This marked a fresh start and our chance to start living it up with new friends, the high school dances, and the big games on Friday nights. It was a new stage in our lives in which we all took a leap forward. Most of us can trace our friendships back to middle school or even elementary school, but this transition into high school was especially meaningful because we entered together and we will conclude it together. We are the class of Twenty-Ten and we finally get to say that we are leaving high school behind.

We entered this journey we call high school together and 'separately we will pursue our dreams'. For some that means finally leaving our parents' house to attend a university, getting a full time job, being recruited into a professional sport, going off to serve our country, or even the dream of traveling abroad. Leaving high school allows us our individuality of our goals and purpose in life.

Though it may seem a little scary to know we will soon be on our own, it is essential for us to go our separate ways, but 'forever our memories will remain'. For example, I will always remember sneaking into my economics class during lunch with a couple of friends. We saran wrapped an entire desk right before the class started so that another student was not able to sit down. As the bell rang and students started piling in, so did the victim. The teacher thought it was humorous as well as this student, with little luck, began to rip apart the saran wrap. Eventually all of it was removed and economics class resumed...much to our dismay. But I'm sure we all have those late nights with your best friends that create inside jokes where at random times you can start uncontrollably laughing, those high school memories will always be with you. Unfortunately so will the bad memories, like boasting that we were going to dominate in the powder puff games, but then shamelessly losing two years in a row.

All joking aside, these past four years have been wonderful and I would not trade the experience for anything. The diversity and opportunity that Hoover High School has given us, has helped to shape us into the individuals that we are now. The teachers and staff truly have made an impact on us because they connect with us on a deeper level. They don't just teach, they create relationships with their students and make learning enjoyable. This atmosphere results in a higher level of excellence that has produced this graduating class today. They have helped build our character and citizenship, as well as prepared us for higher learning. So as we take a new leap forward, just remember that none of this could have been possible without the guidance and assistance from all of the great educators at Hoover.

As our night and high school careers come to an end I would like to say thank you friends, parents, teachers, and all those who have helped us get to this point. I wish you all future success as we separately pursue our dreams and take a step into the next chapter of our lives. Congratulations Class of 2010!"

- Senior Amy Uhl

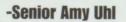


"We are no longer the freshmen class of 2006, unaware of what high school will bring us. Instead, we are the graduating class of 2010, unaware of what <u>life</u> brings us."

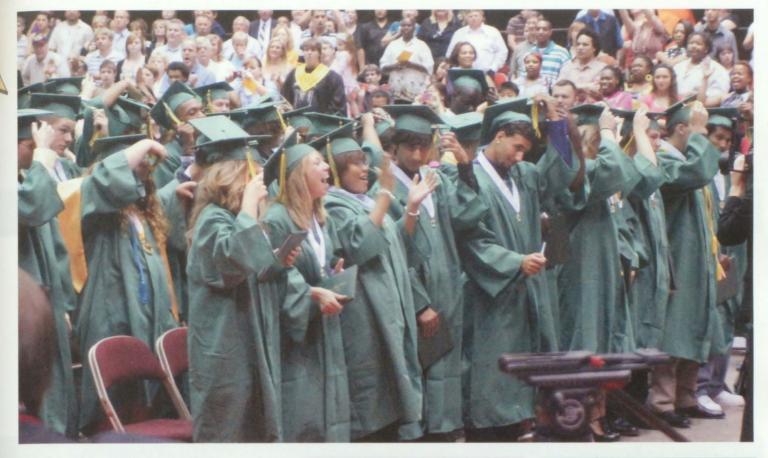
-Senior Amber Anderson



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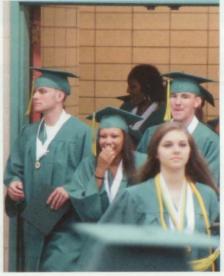






The senior class (above) gets excited and cheers. They had just finished moving their tassels. English teacher Amy Stockton (right) presnts the Jane Hentges Humanitarian award to Emily Dungan. Dungan is involved in swimming, NHS and Best Buddies. She also participated in silver chord and was one of the valedictorians. Dana Delafield, Mariah Goodson, Elizabeth Elliot and Quin Gooch (far right) exit the auditorium after the graduation ceremony.







Left to right: Jodici Bennett hugs social sciences teacher Amber Davison. Marisol Meza is in tears while talking with a group of friends after the graduation. Aida Hadzic goes to give French teacher Beth Eilers a hug after receiving her diploma. Graduation was held on June 4 at the Veteran's Memorial Audtitorium.



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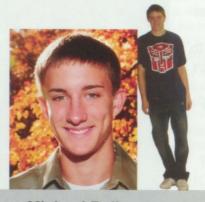
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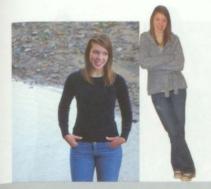
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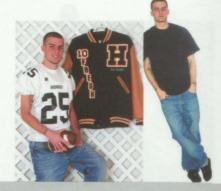
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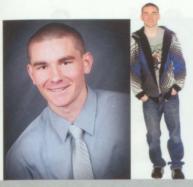
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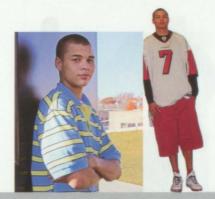
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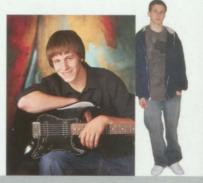
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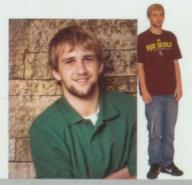
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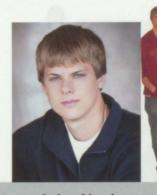
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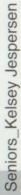
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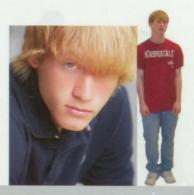


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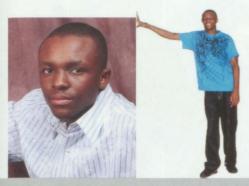
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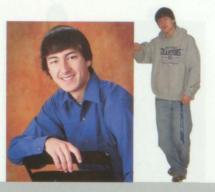
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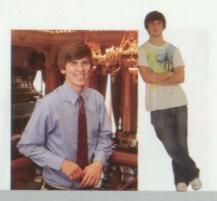
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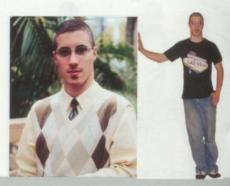
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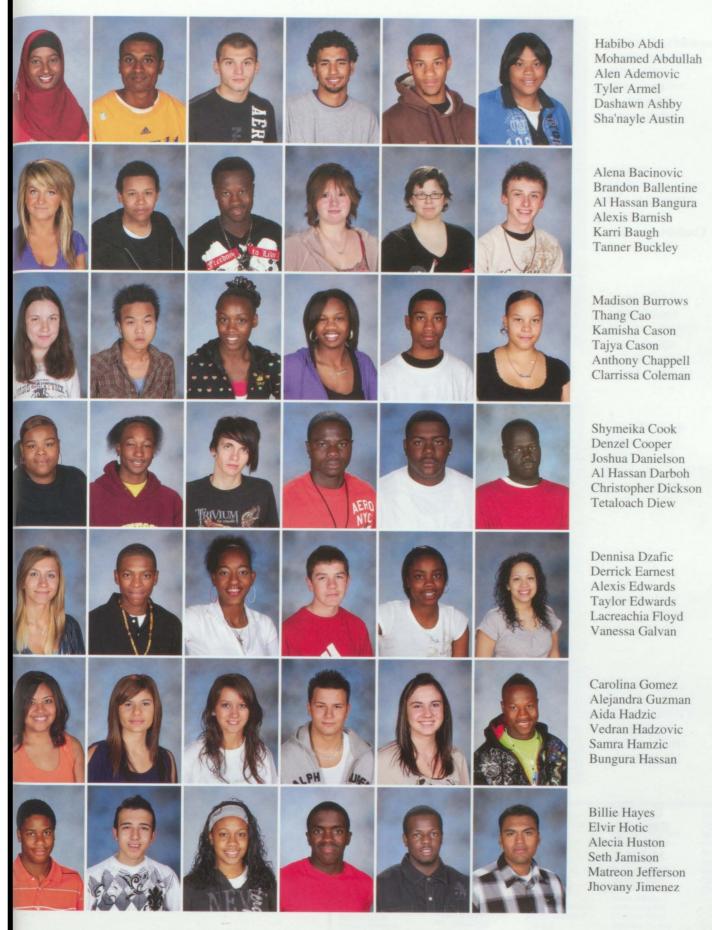
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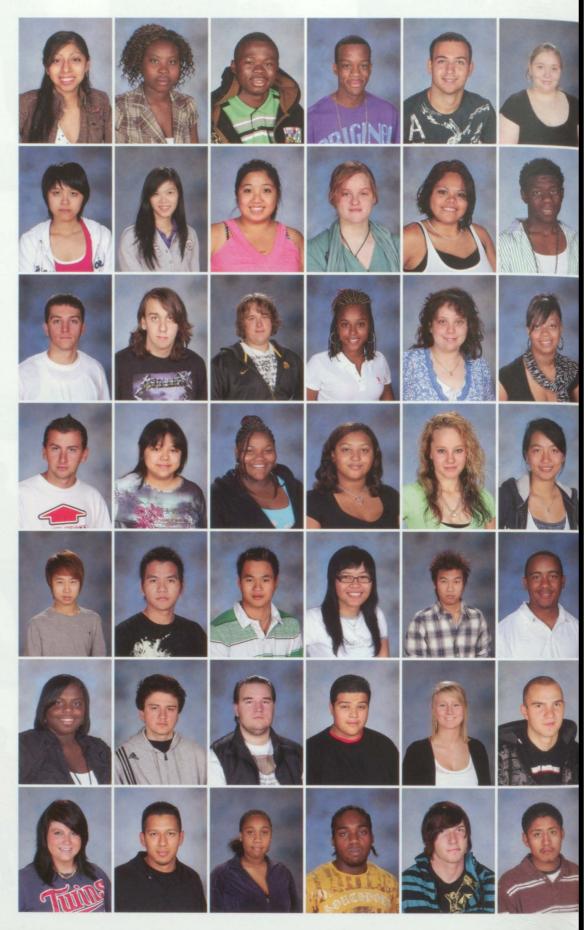
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Amber Anderson

Amber Jean,

We are so proud of all you have done! You reached out of your comfort zones and did many new activities along the way. Continue your hard work, you will be rewarded for it! Enjoy the college life too!

Love, Mom, Dad, Chase and Elsa



Annie Bach

Annie,

You can make us laugh now even more than you did then. We're so proud of the young woman you have become. Congratulations and keep smiling!

> All our love, Mom and Dad



Sarah Bradley

Sarah,

The first phase of your life is almost complete. During this time you have grown into a beautiful responsible young lady. Always keep God in your life and enjoy the next phase.

We love you, Dad, Mom, Joshua and Forest



Haley Call

Haley,

We have had so much fun watching you grow up. You've always had a great imagination and been able to make us laugh. May all your dreams come true ('cause we want it that way) HA!

Love, Mom and Dad



Nate Clark

~Nate the Great~ -Enough Said- ∵

> Love and Hugs Mom and Natalie



Stephanie Daughenbaugh

March of 92 Stephs just 4 months, the half smile lead to a full Diaper, "Whew". Once cleaned up the smile turned full, still not as full as the diaper.

Mr. & Mrs. S.E Daughenbaugh



Dana Delafield

Dana,

The years have flown by. We have enjoyed attending all of your events and hope you will continue your efforts to excel in all you do. Enjoy your college years. Welcome to the Real World.

Love-Mom and Dad



Matthew Dicks

Matthew.

You are a miracle, our miracle from God. We have had the joy and frustration of watching you grow. You are a survivor and we are proud of the nice young man you are becoming. With God's help, we pray you will find your special purpose and place in this world.

Love always, Mom & Dad



Emily Dungan

Emily,

You have brought so much joy to our lives. We are very proud and amazed at all that you've done. Can't wait to see what happens next! Best of Luck!!

Love, Mom, Dad and Er-Bear



Ashley Foreman

Punky,

You are a beautiful and talented woman. You have always been our pride and joy. You truly are such a caring and compassionate person-remember to take care of yourself sometimes too. We'll always be there for you, as you continue to go down life's pathways.

Love you always, Mom and Dad



Mariah Goodson

Mariah

You have been a wonderful blessing, a treasure sent to me from up above. As you grow so does our relationship, we are not only mother and daughter but more importantly friends. I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are and always will be my special little girl.

I love you- Mom



Sydeny Johnson

Fashion forward? Sydeny invented fashion forward. We are so very proud of you for challenging yourself while in high school. We know you worked very hard, and your success is well deserved. We love you!

Mom & Dad

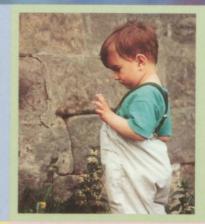


Katherine King

Kate

You have always (well almost) been such a good kid. You're hard working and dedicated. You're a caring and beautiful young woman. You continually make us so proud.

Love, Mom & Dad



Haris Kovacevic

Dear Haris,

You always make your family proud. Your love deeply touches our hearts. We wish you success beyond your expectations.

We love you, Your family



Marisol Meza

Marisol.

It has been a joy watching you grow into the young lady you are today. You are a beautiful, talented girl with a very big heart. We are very proud of you and wish you the best of luck in all you do. We love you!

Dad and Stephi



Jacob Mora

Jake.

Shoot for the moon! If you miss, you will still be among the stars.

We love you, Your family



Ashley Neal

We are so proud of you. You are our sunshine. Believe in yourself, live each day to the fullest and with God's blessings success is assured.

Love Mom, Dad and Drew



Michael Neel

Michael,

You started out quiet and shy but you found your "voice" and matured into a wonderful young man. You have the strength and courage to do anything! It has been a wonderful journey watching you grow and we are very proud to be your parents.

Love, Mom and Dad



Johnathan Preston

Hey Mom someone's lying on my floor again and this one has a camera! Johnathan we have set very high goals for you and have been very pleased with your achievements.

Love Mom & Dad



Kelly Reierson

Kelly,

We love you. Good luck in every path you choose. We're proud of you and know you'll do great.

Love, Dad, Mom, Amy & David



Elizabeth Rodriguez

Dear E-Rod,

We always knew you would be an All Star. Congratulations on all your athletic and academic achievements. You're a character! We are so proud of you.

> We love you! Mom and Dad



Madaline Roffman

Madi,

When you came into this world you weighed 3lbs. 10oz. You have grown into a beautiful young lady and have amazed us in your accomplishments in the past 17 years. Now its time to spread your wings and pursue you dreams.

Love, Mom and Ross

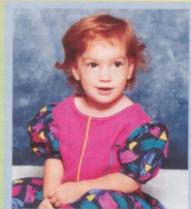


Cassandra Tant

Cassie

You always make us proud in everything you do! You have a great future ahead of you; always live life to the fullest. We love you!

Mom and Dad



Amy Uhl

Amy,

We are very proud of your accomplishments. We know this is only the beginning and hope all your dreams come true.

Love you, Dad & Mom



Kylie Van Houten

Kylie,

Congratulations on your outstanding high school career. All your hard work and dedication has helped you to accomplish so many things, and has made you into the very special person you are. Your family is so proud and all the effort you put forth in everything you do. We wish you the best of luck as you continue your education.

We Love You! Mom, Dad and Kinsey



Dillon Whalen

Dillon.

We are so proud of your accomplishments, both in and out of school. Keep your dreams alive and make them come true!

Continue working towards your goals and living your dreams throughout your life!

Love always, Mom and Kara



Parker Wolfe

Parker,

Eighteen years has gone by so fast. In that time you've become a caring, creative and courageous young man. We love you more than words can describe and we will always have your back!

Congratulations!

Love, Mom, Dad & Adam



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